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Most Worshipful Brother S. Carl Heckbert who became the fifty first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in June 1955 was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Mirimachi Lodge No. 18 at Chatham, New Brunswick in November 1919 a short time after his return from overseas service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, where he served with the First Canadian Siege Battery in France.

M. W. Bro. Heckbert comes quite naturally by his keen interest in Freemasonry, his father having been Worshipful Master of Mirimachi Lodge in the early part of the present century. A brother served on several different occasions as Worshipful Master of this Lodge and at the time M. W. Bro. Heckbert was elected as Grand Master in Alberta a nephew occupied the chair of the Worshipful Master in this Lodge which has seen several prominent citizens, among them Viscount Bennett rise to positions of prominence in Canadian life.

Our present Grand Master received his education at the Chatham schools, Mount Allison, the Provincial Normal School in New Brunswick and later spent considerable time at Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria, Ill. and at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. He came to Alberta in 1925 to act as an instructor at the Provincial School of Agriculture in Vermilion, where he remained for eight years after which he purchased a business in Vermilion and has been active in all phases of community life since that time.

M. W. Bro. Heckbert married Vessie Taylor of Port Elgin, N.B. and they have one son, Charles T. Heckbert who has engaged in business with his father since his demobilization from the Royal Canadian Air Force in which force he served as a pilot during the Second World War; the son is presently an officer of Vermilion Lodge No. 24, with which Lodge the Grand Master affiliated in 1926.

Long interested in agricultural development, M. W. Bro. Heckbert has served as Secretary Manager of the Vermilion Agricultural Society for almost a quarter of a century and has on several occasions been President of the Alberta Fairs Association and been twice President of the Western Canada Fairs Association, an organization serving fairs in the three Prairie Provinces and said to be the largest organization of exhibitions in the world.

Manifesting keen interest in municipal affairs, M. W. Bro. Heckbert served as a member of the Town Council in Vermilion for several years and became it's Mayor in 1950, relinquishing the office in 1954 when he became Grand Master of Masons.

During the Second World War he was active in connection with the conduct of Victory Loan drives in Northeastern Alberta and was on several occasions honoured for his work in connection with ex-servicemen and women as he served as Provincial President of the Canadian Legion in Alberta from 1941 to 1949 and on the Dominion Council of the Canadian Legion from 1943 to 1949. He was presented with the Jubilee Medal and the Coronation Medals of the late King and, more recently, of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

M. W. Bro. Heckbert is enthusiastic in golf and curling and takes a keen interest in all phases of community life; in addition to his activities in the promotion of agricultural improvement and community interest he has found time to enlarge his interest in Masonic circles, being a member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Vermilion, of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Edmonton and a member of Al Azhar Temple of the Shrine in Calgary.

During his term as Grand Master he made special efforts to visit smaller Lodges throughout the Province as he feels that these stout bulwarks of Freemasonry are entitled to attention on the part of the Grand Lodge of which they form so important a part. Believing that emphasis on Masonic Education and Research is an important item in the broadening of the influence of Freemasonry, he has set up a Special Committee to develop material for submission to the Lodges and has recently also established a Committee to peruse all recommendations of Past Grand Masters, in the hope that overlooked suggestions might be of value as guidance for the future.

M. W. Bro. Heckbert has taken an active part in the annual Conference of Western Canadian Grand Lodges at Banff, Alberta where he has, on several occasions delivered papers of interest; he also presented a paper at the All Canada Conference in Toronto in the current year and was named to the Executive of the Conference which will be held in 1957 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Showing a keen interest in the strength of Freemasonry throughout the Continent, M. W. Bro. Heckbert has, during his term of office in Grand Lodge, journeyed to distant fields in an endeavor to broaden his knowledge of relations of Grand Lodge with sister Grand Jurisdictions; he attended the Washington Conference of Grand Masters as alternative to M. W. Bro. Dawson who was unable to attend and later proceeded to Havana, Cuba, to attend the dedication of a magnificent new Temple in that city. He has attended Grand Lodge communications in Toronto, in Regina, Sask. and in Fargo, North Dakota and it is certain that his interest in the Craft will be maintained in the future as it has been over a long period of time.

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Grand Lodge

Fiftieth Anniversary

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was celebrated in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Friday, October 14th, A.D. 1955, A.L. 5955.

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R. C. Stevenson

L. J. DanielsW.M.

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P. Logie, P.G.St.**WAHPUN No. 88—High Prairie**

W. F. Gilpin, P.D.D.G.M.

S. Harris, P.G.M.

PEACE RIVER No. 89—Peace RiverT. ForsethW.M.
C. L. Johnson**NORWOOD No. 90—Edmonton**A. Rutherford
F. A. Smith

W. I. DavidsonW.M.

H. G. Sorenson

PATRICIA No. 91—EdmontonE. M. GalbraithW.M.
H. CuthbertS.W.
C. H. McElheranJ.W.
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W. Clyde
M. M. Downey, P.G.M.
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W. WinkelaarA. F. Coburn
W. Freifield, P.G.St.
W. L. Sharp**SYMBOL No. 93—Drumheller**R. H. MilnerW.M.
W. A. Irving, G.P.

W. A. MacCrimmon, D.D.G.M.

LAMONT No. 94—LamontF. Shears
C. L. TownsendR. H. Shears, P.D.D.G.M.
H. B. Olsen**KITCHENER No. 95—Rimbey**

Not Represented

DYNAMIC No. 96—Holden

Not Represented

ALBION No. 97—Chauvin

A. H. McLeodW.M.

A. E. Keith

I. E. Neil, P.D.D.G.M.

W. N. Miller

HAND HILL No. 98—Delia

G. M. Hewson, D.D.G.M.

CENTURY No. 100—Milk River

Not Represented

WEST EDMONTON No. 101—Edmonton

J. A. McAuleyW.M.

J. E. DoddsS.W.

W. R. Horner, P.G.P.

A. T. Potter, P.D.D.G.M.

EDGERTON No. 102—Edgerton

Not Represented

FOREMOST No. 103—Foremost

Not Represented

OYEN No. 104—Oyen

A. M. McQuarrie, P.G.St.

C. Wilson

GRANDE PRAIRIE No. 105—Grande Prairie

W. J. N. Leslie, P.G.St.

J. F. Putters, P.G.St.

LAKE SASKATOON No. 106—Wembley

R. E. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M.

S. Eckstrom

W. Grant, P.D.D.G.M.

R. E. Newcom, D.D.G.M.

CARBON No. 107—Carbon

Not Represented

NOBLEFORD No. 111—Nobleford

Not Represented

CYPRUS No. 113—Three Hills

O. J. Cowin, P.D.D.G.M.

WESTLOCK No. 114—Westlock

Not Represented

CROCUS No. 115—Chinook

Not Represented

SPIRIT RIVER No. 116—Spirit River

Not Represented

DOMINION No. 117—Edmonton

Not Represented

ST. MARK'S No. 118—Calgary

W. E. Vanner, P.G.St.

YORK No. 119—Lethbridge

R. C. Niven, G.St.

MONITOR No. 120—Consort

Not Represented

ROCKYFORD No. 123—Rockyford

Not Represented

CONCORD No. 124—Calgary

G. F. Ellis, P.G.M.

W. J. Hamilton, G.D. of C.

W. C. McRoberts, P.G.O.

CAVELL No. 125—Delburne

J. P. English, P.D.D.G.M.

J. Y. Greenwood, P.D.D.G.M.

J. R. Smith

PEMBINA No. 126—Sangudo

W. G. Lewis, D.D.G.M.

GRANITE No. 127—Blackie

Not Represented

FORESTBURG No. 128—Forestburg

H. Farvolden, P.D D.G.M.

A. F. Lissack, D.D.G.M.

MERIDIAN No. 129—Stony Plain

Not Represented

HUSSAR No. 130—Hussar

E. J. Bell

KITSCOTY No. 131—Kitscoty

L. G. PerksW.M.

E. A. Meiklejohn

CRAIGMYLE No. 132—Craigmyle

Not Represented

MANYBERRIES No. 133—Manyberries

Not Represented

RENFREW No. 134—Calgary

J. A. LoveW.M.

A. D. Cumming, P.G.M.

W. H. Harper, P.G.R.

C. S. B. Lait, P.G.P.

ALLIANCE No. 135—Alliance

Not Represented

CRESSET No. 136—Barons

H. AnnableW.M.

IRRICANA No. 137—Irricana

C. A. BondW.M.
 L. W. Bond, P.G.M. C. F. Lohrke, P.D.D.G.M.

ONOWAY No. 138—Onoway

I. S. Livingstone F. G. Thomas

BIG VALLEY No. 140—Big Valley

F. Dewar, P.G.St. I. N. Hughson

EFFICIENCY No. 141—Hughenden

J. H. Cochrane, P.D.D.G.M. E. K. Kirberg, P.D.D.G.M.

IVANHOE No. 142—Edmonton

J. Carmichael A. T. Hill
 F. J. Kavanagh, P.G.R. A. P. Limrick
 C. M. Macleod, P.S.G.D. W. L. Mitchell
 W. G. Stillman

JASPER PARK No. 143—Jasper

V. R. Speare, P.D.D.G.M.

GRATTON No. 144—Irma

H. C. NissenW.M.
 A. C. KnudsonJ.W.
 P. Jones, P.D.D.G.M.

ST. ALBAN'S No. 145—St. Paul

R. Reiersen P.G.P.

DRUMHELLER No. 146—Drumheller

Not Represented

NORTHLAND No. 147—Fairview

I. C. FrenchW.M.

MAYERTHORPE No. 148—Mayerthorpe

P. F. Buxton E. J. Holbrook, G.St.

LOCHEARN No. 151—Rocky Mountain House

W. J. Kirby, P.D.D.G.M.

STANDARD No. 152—Standard

J. Martin, P.D.D.G.M. J. M. Wheatley

WHITECOURT No. 153—Whitecourt

Not Represented

WASKATENAU No. 154—Waskatenau

Not Represented

HYTHE No. 156—Hythe

Not Represented

SHARON No. 157—Picture Butte

Not Represented

BERRY CREEK No. 158—Pollockville
Not Represented

LUCERNE No. 159—Vauxhall
Not Represented

SEXSMITH No. 160—Sexsmith
Not Represented

EMPRESS No. 161—Empress
Not Represented

YELLOWKNIFE No. 162—Yellowknife, N.W.T.
K. A. PhilpottW.M.
J. Heslop

ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 163—Mirror
Not Represented

GATEWAY No. 164—Edmonton
J. JohnstonJ.W.
C. W. Lilley, P.G.R. J. O. Olsen
R. E. Parton

CANADA No. 165—Calgary
A. AndersonW.M.
T. B. Donald, P.G.S.W. (W.A.) T. S. Jeffrey, P.G.R.
L. E. McKay, P.G.St. W. H. Morgan, G.C.

EVERGREEN No. 166—Edmonton
A. J. G. Lauder, D.D.G.M. J. M. Tait
C. C. McKechnie, P.D.D.G.M. F. H. Walker

TEMPLE No. 167—Edmonton
H. W. J. GuthrieS.W.
G. H. Clark E. C. Ellerton

HIGHLANDS No. 168—Edmonton
W. H. Scott, P.D.D.G.M.

ST. GEORGE'S No. 169—Elk Point
P. PetroskyW.M.
N. E. StanleyS.W.
F. G. Miller, P.D.D.G.M.

AVON GLEN No. 170—Edmonton
K. W. McTavish, G.St. C. Sinclair, D.D.G.M.

BARRHEAD No. 171—Barrhead
Not Represented

MILO No. 172—Milo
Not Represented

MASTER MASONS

NORTH STAR, No. 4	P. H. Ashcroft
EDMONTON, No. 7	C. Friberg, J. W. Johnston, W. Nixon R. Clift, D. C. Dean
PERFECTION, No. 9	H. M. Vincent
EUREKA, No. 10	L. G. Wallace, R. L. Tracy
ACACIA, No. 11	F. T. Rickett
JASPER, No. 14	A. H. Van Dyke
WETASKIWIN, No. 15	P. I. Aikens
BRITANNIA, No. 18	J. E. Bird, S. M. Lee
VERMILION, No. 24.....	W. H. Boulton, L. R. Webb, J. K. Greenwood W. J. Fooks, C. T. Heckbert, G. C. Long W. A. Dixon, J. H. Morrison, R. W. Mullen, C. E. Thompson, A. H. C. Cooper K. E. Rowe, J. G. Mullan
ST. JOHN'S, No. 25	W. D. Puffer, R. Brown, G. R. Brown, W. Turner
KENILWORTH, No. 29	W. E. Foster, D. Elliott, R. S. Bentley
CAMROSE, No. 37	C. N. Bourbonnie
HOPE, No. 38	A. R. Myhre, O. D. Myhre
BUFFALO PARK, No. 44	J. Humphries, D. Rattray, A. M. Daniels G. K. Crampton, E. Peterson, A. M. Myggland J. S. Duncan, M. M. Dale, L. F. Mitchell
CHINOOK, No. 47	O. B. Berild
COMET, No. 50	F. A. Parkinson
UNITY, No. 51	A. G. Shute, W. Hill, M. H. K. Thompson, H. Milne
KING GEORGE, No. 59	R. Cook
PROVOST, No. 61	J. Cross
MELROSE, No. 62	D. H. Kent
EMPIRE, No. 63	J. R. McNally, F. S. Rowsell
EDSON, No. 68	E. J. Yerex
FIDELITY, No. 76	V. C. Leonard, A. Selin
STRATHCONA, No. 77	P. J. Delicate, G.O., F. H. LeFeuvre W. J. Spellman, W. F. Urquhart
COMMERCIAL, No. 81	W. B. Cairns
CRESCENT, No. 87	W. J. Huget
NORWOOD, No. 90	S. J. Baker, G. A. Conley, D. J. McNab
SASKATCHEWAN, No. 92	G. W. Emery, W. A. Milligan
LAMONT, No. 94	R. A. Foster
CENTURY, No. 100	P. H. Yancey

WEST EDMONTON, No. 101	P. Kowalski
CARBON, No. 107	D. R. Mackay
WESTLOCK, No. 114	H. C. Nicholson
DOMINION, No. 117	E. H. Arklie, J. R. Evans, D. Stannard
YORK, No. 119	J. C. Hubbs
KITSCOTY, No. 131	J. T. Hale, A. Hozack
IRRICANA, No. 137	W. Butterfield, E. J. Nance
ONOWAY, No. 138	E. M. Dales, G. R. Wilson
IVANHOE, No. 142	J. I. Gish, L. Willoughby
JASPER PARK, No. 143	T. Nelson
HYTHE, No. 156	E. W. Smith
YELLOWKNIFE, No. 162	W. G. McGruther
GATEWAY, No. 164	G. S. Reid, F. W. Taylor
TEMPLE, No. 167	S. C. Bissell, W. L. Gutierrez, J. P. Rodgers
HIGHLANDS, No. 168	L. A. Welsh
ST. GEORGE'S, No. 169	M. A. Willmer, C. A. Willmer D. M. Schwenker, B. J. Keck
AVON GLEN, No. 170	J. B. Wright
ACACIA, No. 580, G.R.C. (Ontario)	E. H. Williams
INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS, No. 2881	
UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND	E. Dalwood
WESTERN STAR, No. 157	P. D. Gambe
LODGE OF ST. PHILIP, No. 409, Victoria, Australia	W. N. Dodds
MANITOBA	J. C. Hyde

OPENING

The Members having assembled in the Lodge Room — The Auditorium of the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, Alberta — The Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. W. Bro. W. J. Hamilton(124) informed the M. W. The Grand Master. The Grand Officers having entered and taken their stations, the M.W. The Grand Master entered the Lodge Room, was escorted to the East and opened the Especial Communication, called for the purpose of commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in AMPLE form at 2 p.m.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Distinguished visitors from Canadian jurisdictions were escorted to the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and introduced by M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank;—

M.W. Bro. Cruickshank: M.W. Grand Master, I have the honour to perform a very pleasant duty in presenting to this Grand Lodge, on the occasion of this, our Jubilee Celebration, the representatives of our sister jurisdictions in Canada.

R.W. Bro. H. L. Martyn, Deputy Grand Master, representing the Grand Lodge of Canada A.F. & A.M. in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, Past Grand Master,

M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, Past Grand Master,

M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary.

M.W. Bro. J. H. N. Morgan, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary representing the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Bro. F. J. Burd, Past Grand Master,

M.W. Bro. D. McGugan, Past Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, Past Grand Master,, representing the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Bro. D. G. P. Sanderson, Past Grand Master, representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Bro. G. H. Hummel, Past Grand Master and

M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary representing the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

I also wish to introduce to you R.W. Bro. W. Hudson Scott, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, Australia, who has been specially commissioned to represent them here today.

The Grand Master: Thank you, M.W. Bro. Cruickshank. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta it is a great pleasure for me to extend a cordial welcome to the representatives of the Canadian Grand Lodges and to the representative of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. We are happy indeed to have you here and trust that at the conclusion of our celebrations you will be able to return to your homes with a feeling of satisfaction such as we entertain in having you here today.

The Brethren were received with Grand Honours and seated in the East.

RECEPTION OF R.W. BRO. EARL ALEXANDER OF TUNIS

R.W. Bro. Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis, former Governor General of Canada, representing the United Grand Lodge of England, was escorted to the Altar by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M.W. Bro. Harris: M.W. Grand Master, it affords me great pleasure to introduce to you, R.W. Bro. Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis, Past Junior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Master: Thank you M.W. Bro. Harris. R.W. Bro. Earl Alexander, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta it is a very great pleasure for me to welcome you here this afternoon. I may say, Brethren, some years ago I had the pleasure of entertaining Earl and Countess Alexander, then Governor General of Canada, in my home on the occasion of his being in Vermilion to declare the Legion Hall officially open.

We found them very kindly people to meet and I can assure you, R.W. Sir, we are indeed pleased to have you attend this meeting today. R.W. Bro. Earl Alexander was received with Grand Honours and seated in the East.

RECEPTION OF HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(The Grand Director of Ceremonies closed the V.S.L.)

The Hon. Dr. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta was escorted to the Altar by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, senior Past Grand Master, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M.W. Bro. Connacher: M.W. Grand Master, I have the pleasure and honour of introducing to this Grand Lodge, the Hon. Dr. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Grand Master: Thank you M.W. Bro. Connacher. Your Honour, I have much pleasure, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in extending to you a very cordial welcome. As you know this is our Fiftieth Anniversary, coinciding with the Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Province. We have felt, rightly so we think, that we must have you with us on this particular occasion and I can assure you we deeply appreciate your giving of your valuable time to be here. We shall hope to have a word from you in a moment and in the meantime will you please be seated in the East.

RECEPTION OF THE HONOURABLE THE PREMIER

The Hon. E. C. Manning, Premier of the Province of Alberta, was escorted to the Altar by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill: M.W. Grand Master, I have the honour to present to you and through you to this distinguished company, the Honourable Ernest Charles Manning, Premier of this great Province of Alberta, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of this Grand Lodge.

Premier Manning has given twenty years of his life to public service in Alberta and has occupied his present office, the highest in the gift of his fellow citizens, more than twelve years. Born and brought up in our sister province of Saskatchewan, he came to Alberta as a very young man and has made his home here ever since. His energy, ability and devotion to duty have been outstanding and we are privileged to have him with us today.

The Grand Master: Hon. Mr. Manning, it is my privilege, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to extend you a very cordial welcome to this, our Fiftieth Anniversary meeting. Our Fiftieth Anniversary coincides with that of the Province and we are proud to have you with us. Will you please take your seat in the East.

RECEPTION OF HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF EDMONTON

Bro. William Hawrelak, Mayor of the City of Edmonton, was escorted to the Altar by M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M.W. Bro. Downey: M.W. Grand Master, it is my privilege to introduce the Mayor of the City of Edmonton, Brother William Hawrelak and in doing so I might mention that the City celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary in October 1954. I present His Worship Mayor Hawrelak.

The Grand Master: Your Worship, Bro. Hawrelak, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta I extend you a cordial welcome, we are happy to be meeting in the City of Edmonton. Will you please be seated in the East.

The Grand Master: Brethren, R.W. Bro. Lord Alexander has other engagements in the City and if our Brethren from the United States jurisdictions will bear with us we shall give Lord Alexander an opportunity of bringing a message to us. I am sure the Brethren will forgive us for changing the program slightly. I think I am voicing the thought of every member of this Grand Lodge when I say that we are more than pleased to have R.W. Bro. Lord Alexander with us today to represent the United Grand Lodge of England. We realise that he is in Canada on pressing business and we feel honoured that he has taken time to be with us, it is now my privilege to call on R.W. Bro. Earl Alexander of Tunis.

R.W. Bro. Earl Alexander: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren. I should first of all like to take this opportunity to thank you very sincerely for the generous welcome which you have extended to me this afternoon. Thanks to your Lieutenant Governor, my friend the Hon. Dr. John Bowlen, I have the opportunity to be with you here this afternoon. I welcome this opportunity because the day before I left England, a fortnight ago, I had a letter from the Grand Secretary in London, asking me to convey to you a message from the United Grand Lodge of England to the effect that the United Grand Lodge of England on your Fiftieth Anniversary sends you fraternal greetings, congratulations and best wishes and, if I may add my own best wishes, I should like to congratulate you on this Fiftieth Anniversary and to wish you the very best of success and good fortune in the next fifty years which lie ahead of us.

(Applause).

The Grand Master: Thank you R.W. Bro. Lord Alexander. I can assure you that the Brethren deeply appreciate the message being brought across the ocean to us by no less an illustrious person than yourself. I am now going to call on the Hon. Dr. John J. Bowlen to address us.

Hon. Dr J. J. Bowlen: M.W. Grand Master, Lord Alexander, Honorable Mr. Premier, Your Worship Mr. Mayor, Gentlemen. When I received your invitation, I think it was eight months ago, I receive a good many invitations during the year, some a few days ahead, some a few weeks, but I can assure you that seven or eight months is rather unusual. How could a man turn down an invitation to be present on such an occasion when he received an invitation eight months ago? Actually I am referring to your dinner tonight, but as far as your meetings are concerned, I have attended every one since I became Lieutenant Governor, except the year I attended the Coronation, I have always enjoyed being here. I have known many of you as real true friends, all down through the years, not only in this Province but also in Saskatchewan and have real good friends in your organization. On your Fiftieth Anniversary I wish to extend you greetings and best wishes from my office. I sincerely mean that. Your organization always does things well and a lot of work is done without thought of colour race or creed. You have lived up to your objectives and I am proud to be here. I must make this short, but I wish you success, carry on with your work and as long as I am Lieutenant Governor I hope that I shall have the privilege of being with you, thank you very much. (Applause).

The Grand Master: Thank you very much, Your Honour, we appreciate your being here very much indeed. When we went to His Honour's office seven or eight months ago, as he said, to ask him to be here on this occasion, we went that early so that he couldn't refuse the invitation!

(Laughter).

At this time, Brethren, it is my pleasure to call on the Hon. E. C. Manning.

Premier Manning: M.W. Grand Master, Your Honour, Lord Alexander, Mr. Mayor, Gentlemen. It is a very real privilege and pleasure for me personally and on behalf of the Government of the Province to bring you congratulations and greeting on the occasion of this Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. It is certainly most fitting and significant that your Fiftieth Anniversary coincides with the Fiftieth Anniversary of Alberta as a Province. So on this occasion we look back over fifty years of worthwhile service which you have rendered to your fellow man, to this community and to areas much farther afield. You can share this feeling of satisfaction in a job well done with the advancement and development we have witnessed as a people in this new part of Canada, which the growth of fifty years has brought to our particular Province. On an occasion like this it seems to me that one thought, which at least is uppermost in my mind, is the emphasis that a gathering of this kind places on something that is so terribly needed in all walks of life throughout the world today. That is the presence of the spirit of true Brotherhood. Certainly today and in the years past we have lived through a period of human history in which we have seen mankind torn asunder by schisms and dissensions, hate and bitterness of many kinds. I have no words to adequately describe the misery and the distress that

those conditions have brought to mankind throughout this world. As against that dark and unhappy aspect of recent history there stands out the constructive aspects of the true brotherhood among men. I know of no organization in which that is more fittingly and definitely personified and exemplified than in the order the fiftieth anniversary of which we are commemorating here at the present time, so I would like to add to what has already been said, that congratulations are certainly your due for the attainment of this Fiftieth Anniversary and the good work which you have accomplished over fifty years.

In the spirit of brotherhood that you typify, you are setting before the world an example of one thing that today perhaps is needed above all others, if we are going to have an effective antidote to all the destructive forces that are abroad and may have been abroad throughout this world. I wish you every success in your gathering and I want to congratulate you most sincerely on all the good work you have accomplished. I hope that in the next fifty years the record will be of equal or even greater achievement than that which you have accomplished in the half century now past. (Applause)

Grand Master: Thank you very much, Mr. Premier. I can assure you that your message to the brethren of this Grand Lodge is very deeply appreciated.

Grand Master: Now Brethren, in view of the fact that R.W. Bro. Lord Alexander, The Hon. Dr. Bowlen and the Hon. Mr. Manning have other engagements, we are going to permit them to withdraw, much as we dislike seeing them go. I am sure you do appreciate their having taken time from their busy lives to come to us this afternoon. They will now retire to go about their respective duties, continuing to make a contribution to the welfare of the Province, the Dominion and the Commonwealth, all of which is appreciated by the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and by the Freemasons throughout Canada and the world.

R.W. Bro. Lord Alexander, the Hon. Dr. J. J. Bowlen and the Hon. E. C. Manning then retired, escorted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and M.W. Bro. Sam Harris.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies opened the V. S. L.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS FROM THE UNITED STATES

Distinguished visitors from United States Jurisdictions were escorted to the altar by M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M.W. Bro. Ellis: M.W. Grand Master, it is indeed an honour you have conferred upon me in requesting that I introduce our visiting Brethren from the United States jurisdictions. I am sure that we are all more than happy that they are able to be with us and I trust they will enjoy themselves, feeling that they have been well repaid for their journey to visit with us on this our Fiftieth Anniversary. It is therefore my pleasure to introduce;

R.W. Bro. Ralph M. Lehr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A.F. & A.M.

R.W. Bro. George A. Avery, Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania.

M.W. Bro. Louis Legett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, A.F. & A.M.

R.W. Bro. F. E. Van Demark, representing the Grand Lodge of Montana, A.F. & A.M.

R.W. Bro. Charles E. Elliott, from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, A.F. & A.M.

and also

R.W. Bro. John Booth, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, A.F. & A.M. who has been especially deputed to represent the Grand Lodge of Vermont at this meeting.

Grand Master: Thank you M.W. Bro. Ellis. Brethren from the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States I welcome you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. We sincerely appreciate your coming to join us as we Celebrate our first half century. We realise, of course, that most of your Grand Lodges are much larger and older than ours, we can't do much about the matter of time and size but the members of this jurisdiction are doing the best they can and they are much heartened and encouraged by the fact that you have come to help us celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary. We hope you will find your short visit enjoyable and that we shall have the opportunity of welcoming you here again in the future.

The Brethren were received with Grand Honours and seated in the East.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES

Members representing overseas jurisdictions were escorted to the Altar by M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

M.W. Bro. Galbraith: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren, it gives me very great pleasure to introduce to you the representatives of overseas jurisdictions who have been specially charged by their respective Grand Lodges to bring you greetings on this happy occasion.

R.W. Bro. Hans Farvolden, representing the Grand Lodge of Norway.

R.W. Bro. W. Frantzen, representing the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

V.W. Bro. C. M. Macleod, representing the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands.

R.W. Bro. D. Patterson and M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, representing the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

Grand Master: Thank you, M.W. Bro. Galbraith. We are very happy to have the representatives of the overseas Grand Lodges at this meeting and ask that when they communicate with the Grand Lodge they represent they convey our most cordial greetings and fraternal good wishes. Brethren were received with Grand Honours and seated in the East.

Grand Master; We will now have the Flag Ceremony.

Bro. Cpl. W. J. Huget (87) Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented the Union Jack.

"I now present our Flag - the Union Jack - the Emblem of Freedom and Democracy. As its component crosses were successively combined to symbolise the voluntary union of free peoples, so may it continue to typify the greater unities of our wider Commonwealth.

May the Red, the sacrificial blood of the martyrs, the White like snowy lambskin of Masonry, and the Blue of the changeless vault of the sky, symbolically depicting COURAGE, PURITY and TRUTH, blend wherever it floats the wide world round to blazon forth a sure pledge of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity for all peoples everywhere. Long may it wave! SO MOTE IT BE."

Bro. Sergeant Major E. H. Williams, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, presented the Canadian Flag.

"I present the Flag of Canada, the Red Ensign. Canada as the senior partner of the British Commonwealth of Nations, proudly displays the Union Jack on her Flag. The arms indicate the comingling of the great British and French peoples, and the supporting and unifying Maple Leaves, our National Emblem. SO MOTE IT BE"

Bro. S. J. Baker (90) Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, presented the Stars and Stripes.

"As a courtesy to our visiting Brethren, I present the Flag of the United States of America. May our Flags and the Stars and Stripes, jointly symbolize LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY for all peoples everywhere. Long may they wave! SO MOTE IT BE."

Grand Master: Brethren of the Flag Ceremony group, we are grateful to you for the excellent presentation of the Flags this afternoon. Will you please be seated.

Grand Master: We are privileged to have with us this afternoon the Mayor of the city of Edmonton, in the person of Bro. William Hawrelak. Bro. Hawrelak is a member of Acacia Lodge No. 11 in Edmonton. I have no doubt many of you have heard His Worship speak before and I am sure you will be looking forward, with keen interest, to his remarks today. Your Worship, we are happy to have you with us and we are all pleased to see you, a member of the Craft, occupying such an important position in this rapidly growing city, and to note the excellent service you are rendering to your fellow citizens, we will be very glad to hear from you now.

His Worship Mayor William Hawrelak: M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and Brethren. It is indeed a pleasure for me and a privilege to extend to the Grand Lodge of Alberta a very warm and cordial welcome to the city of Edmonton, on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. Anniversaries are always a pleasant celebration whether it is one marking an anniversary for an individual or

an Institution or for a Fraternal organization. Because on the occasion of an Anniversary we always think of some of these fine things of the past, those fine things of the past of which we are so proud and then we always assess our position as it seems to exist today, and finally we always seem to draw an inspiration as to how better we can plan to make further contributions to the society in which we live.

It is a coincidence that this year we celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of our Province. Throughout the length and breadth of this great Province of ours, our fellow citizens took great pride, I am sure, in the extent of material achievement and attainment that we have been able to make during the past Fifty Years. It so happens that last year we, in the city of Edmonton, celebrated a year earlier than that of the Province, our Fiftieth Anniversary; and as fellow citizens of this community, we felt, as we did again this year, as fellow citizens of the larger community, that of the Province itself, something of the pride of which I speak. Whilst we think of this great material achievement we have made, and we are rather proud that we have done so, in that we must also, of course, pay tribute and respect to those great men and women who have made this present achievement possible. For that material achievement by itself was not attained because man worked and by work alone. That achievement was only attained because man understood and understands that those things are much more fundamental than exertion of energy and production of things of material gain. We made this gain and we made this progress and we made this achievement because we understood and respected the fact that man does not live by bread alone and because men must live along side one another. They must have a great depth of understanding of one another and to the extent of God's will which is reflected in mans' faith and trust in Him, to that extent can we hope to enjoy these things which we call a full and a whole-some life.

In retrospect and in appraising the present situation we must be grateful and thankful for the organizations such as the Fraternal organization of Freemasonry, because our aim and object is only one and that is to bring mankind to a common factor, to a common level, to a common denominator, so that we can understand these fundamentals of living and these fundamentals of the development of mankind, the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. Simple words, but how effective they are and how important they are, if they are properly applied in every day life. I do not know of an organization that lays so much emphasis and claims that to be and exercises that to be its only objective, to instill and inculcate in mans' mind and in his heart, these fundamentals of Brotherhood of Man and Fatherhood of God, these fundamentals of virtue, these fundamentals of morality, of Brotherly love. You have heard about them, we have heard about them in our Lodges, in Freemasonry, in this Fraternal organization of which I speak and as we pause, it is organizations such as this that have helped us to realize the importance of things beside these that are required for production of material things. So today when we celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary here of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, if I might be permitted to speak on behalf of my community, as a representative of my community, when I appraise the present position of our development and progress, I would say to you that this is only possible because of people like you, because of men that believe in bringing men to a common factor, to a common denominator, to a common level of understanding, and respect for one another, and to realize that in appreciating these fundamentals of living which are really the

all important fundamentals, rather than all these things we claim to be, of material gain and material achievement. So today as you open this Grand Lodge, in reviewing some of the things of Freemasonry, in thinking of some of the aims and objectives of Freemasonry, I am sure that as a result of having this opportunity of gaining something of the atmosphere that is here today, by having men of the same common objectives coming to discuss their common problems, that we are going to draw an inspiration and will have an opportunity of further rededicating the aims and objectives of Freemasonry to the world of mankind and in the service of our respective communities. I do want to wish your Fiftieth Anniversary and your Fiftieth year of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, every success in that high and lofty and noble objective. (Applause)

Grand Master: It is very pleasing for us to have had you with us this afternoon, and we are more than pleased that you will be able to remain with us for the remainder of the afternoon session.

Grand Master: Brethren we are assembled to celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary. We naturally have been wondering how many in the Province have been members of our Fraternity for half a century or more. We sent out a call to the various Lodges throughout the length and breadth of Alberta in an endeavour to secure the names and other data of the Brethren who were initiated into Freemasonry Fifty or more years ago and we found, when the sum total had been collected for this meeting, that it would be virtually impossible for us to name and pay tribute to each individual Freemason who has been a member of the organization for half a century or more.

We have on my right a group of Masons, members of the Craft who were initiated either before 1900 or shortly afterwards and who have been members of the Craft for Fifty or more years. The oldest mason in Alberta is W. Bro. Samuel William Sprague of Medicine Hat who was initiated in Corinthian Lodge, No. 13 at Hampton, New Brunswick on July 12th, 1883. W. Bro. Sprague will be 97 years of age on October 19th and is unfortunately unable to be present today. The oldest Mason present this afternoon is none other than our senior Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, who was initiated in Scotia Lodge, No. 31, Nova Scotia on 18th February 1895 and who has led a very active life in Freemasonry in Alberta from 1904 to the present time. (Applause)

I have previously intimated, Brethren, that it would be virtually impossible for us to call all these Brethren to their feet individually, to express our sincere appreciation of all that they have done for their Communities and Freemasonry in the past Half century, but in order to give you a chance to see a very fine looking group of individuals, a group of men whose collective service in Freemasonry covers more years than I would care to estimate, I am going to ask all who have been members of the Craft for Fifty or more years to stand. If there any others in the body of the Hall would they stand too, please. (Prolonged applause)

If these Brethren will remain standing just for a moment please. To the Brethren standing, signifying that they have been a member for fifty or more years, I extend the warmest congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and I can assure each and every one of you that you have the wishes and prayers of your Brethren for many more years of happy life in Freemasonry and service to your community. Will you all be seated please, except M.W. Bro. Connacher. Brethren here is M.W. Bro. Connacher, Sixty years a Freemason. (Loud applause)



ALTAR CLOTH AND CUSHION
Presented by the Dominion Regalia Co. Ltd.
PEDESTAL DRAPES
Presented by the Eighteen original Lodges

PRESENTATION OF PEDESTAL DRAPES

Grand Master: Now Brethren, as you are probably aware, in the early days when this Province began to open up for settlement there were comparatively few Masons. Tonight when you get your Programs you will find a brief history of the Grand Lodge therein and you will see from that Program that there were eighteen Lodges originally interested in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Lodges No. 1 to 18 are represented here this afternoon and they have gone to the trouble of securing drapes for our pedestals to match the Altar cloth which was presented to us on the occasion of our Fiftieth Communication by the Dominion Regalia Company, and I am going to ask the representatives of these eighteen Lodges if they will line up in front of the Altar, I understand that one of the Brethren from among their number wishes to make formal presentation of the Altar drapes to this Grand Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, or Representative, of each of the eighteen Lodges then approached the Altar.

W. Bro. C. S. McKay, Worshipful Master of Bow River Lodge, No. 1: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored Guests and Brethren. On this occasion of thanksgiving and Anniversary commemoration it is my happy privilege to perform an office on behalf of my Brethren, who are the Masters or the Representatives of the Masters, of the eighteen Constituent Lodges who were represented at the formation of this Grand Jurisdiction fifty years ago. You will recall, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held this spring in the City of Calgary, the Grand Lodge was presented with this beautiful Altar cloth by the Dominion Regalia Company as a mark, or as a token, by which you will recall the Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. It is now my pleasant duty to present to you, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and as a combined gift of the eighteen original member Lodges, these Pedestal Drapes, matching Pedestal Drapes, which now grace your pedestal and those of your Grand Senior and Junior Wardens. This gift is made as a token to you of our congratulation and with it we extend our deepest and sincerest good wishes for the welfare of Grand Lodge, as it enters upon the second half century of service in the cause of Freemasonry in this Province. (Applause)

Grand Master: Worshipful Brother McKay and representatives of the eighteen Lodges, I can assure you that we are deeply appreciative of the beautiful Pedestal Drapes which have today been presented by your eighteen Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Alberta. We are impressed, not only with the beauty of the drapes and their usefulness for the future but with the delightful thought that lies behind the presentation of these drapes. At this time I am going to ask R.W. Brother Canon W. H. Morgan, Grand Chaplain to dedicate the drapes on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Grand Chaplain: O Eternal God who at the dedication of the Temple to Thy Glory in Jerusalem was pleased to accept many and costly gifts for decoration of that Temple, we thank Thee that Thou putest into the hearts of those who have given these drapes, which we now dedicate to the service of this Grand Lodge and Thy Glory. We thank Thee for their gift and pray that wherever they are displayed, the great truths which our Order stands for may be continually exemplified. Amen. So mote it be.

Grand Master: I will now ask the Grand Secretary to read the communications.

The Grand Secretary read letters of regret at inability to be present and sending Greetings and congratulations from the following Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge of Scotland, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Ireland, A.F. & A. M.
 Grand Lodge of New Zealand, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of South Australia, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Victoria, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Western Australia, A.F. & A.M.
 District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, A.F. & A.M. (England)
 Grand Lodge of Arkansas, F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of California, F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Indiana, F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Kansas, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Michigan, F. & A.M.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of New Jersey, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of New York, F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Oregon, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of South Carolina, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of South Dakota, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Tennessee, F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of West Virginia, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Wyoming, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Austria, A.F. & A.M.
 Grand Lodge of Cuba, A.F. & A.M.

Letters of regret at inability to be present and sending fraternal greetings were received from the following Honorary Past Grand Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction:

M.W. Bro. C. P. Seeley, Saskatchewan.
 M.W. Bro. Charles F. Hamilton, Ontario.
 M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Manitoba.
 M.W. Bro. Hector MacKay, Saskatchewan.
 M.W. Bro. John Stormon, North Dakota.
 M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Manitoba.
 M.W. Bro. Gail Huhn, District of Columbia.
 M.W. Bro. F. H. Auld, Saskatchewan.
 M.W. Bro. S. G. Davis, Idaho.
 M.W. Bro. H. M. Poteat, North Carolina.
 M.W. Bro. Percy Doles, Montana.
 M.W. Bro. C. C. Cohagen, Montana.
 R.W. Bro. J. Russell Oliver, P.J.G.W., British Columbia

Telegrams were received from the following, sending best wishes for a successful communication and regret at inability to attend:

M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, P.G.M., Alberta.
 M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams, P.G.M., Alberta
 R.W. Bro. George R. Williams, D.G.M., Dist. G.L. of Newfoundland.
 (England)

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, F. & A.M.
 National Grand Lodge of Denmark.
 Grand Lodge of Sweden.
 M.W. Bro. Glen C. Hulett, P.G.M., North Dakota.
 R.W. Bro. C. W. Johnson, D.D.G.M., District No. 6 Alberta.
 Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, G.R.A.
 Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, G.R.A.

Also a letter from a Fifty Year member, W. Bro. Malcolm W. Chidlow (87).

Grand Master: Brethren, one of the most important thoughts in our minds today, as we celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, is the feeling of thanks to Almighty God for His granting us permission to carry on our work during the past half century and I am sure that all the members of this gathering will want to take part in a service of thanksgiving for all the blessings which have been made manifest to us in the past fifty years. I am going to call on R.W. Brother Canon W. H. Morgan, our Grand Chaplain to offer, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, our thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Service conducted by the Grand Chaplain
R.W. BRO. REV. CANON W. H. MORGAN

Organist and Choirmaster
BRO. P. J. DELICATE, V.W. Grand Organist

OPENING HYMN —

All people that on earth do dwell.

(Members will remain standing.)

Brethren, we are gathered together in the presence of Almighty God, to offer unto Him our worship, praise and thanksgiving for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to our Grand Lodge of Alberta in the Fifty Years of its history; to supplicate His continued blessing upon us and to pray that guided and governed by His Holy Spirit, we, in our generation, may truly and godly serve Him to the Glory of His Name and the forwarding of His Kingdom.

THE LESSON — 1 Corinthians 13

HYMN —

Unto the hills do I lift up my longing eyes.

(Members will remain standing for the Prayers)

THE LORD'S PRAYER —

Vouchsafe Thine aid Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe to this our present service of worship and to all deliberations of Grand Lodge. Grant that all Freemasons may so dedicate and devote themselves to Thy Service that they may become true and worthy members of this ancient Craft and that they may serve faithfully and well to Thy glory and for the benefit of needy humanity. We ask this for the sake of Him who gave Himself for the life of the world. Amen.

Eternal source of Life and Light; We Thine unworthy creatures, reverently bow before Thee in adoration and praise. We thank Thee for the light that has been revealed to humanity through all the generations and for Thy blessings bestowed upon us and upon Freemasonry in our time. Be Thou our faithful Friend and Guide in the unseen vicissitudes of life before us and bring us at last through Thy gracious mercy and love to Thy presence where we shall behold Thee with unclouded vision for evermore. Amen.

O Thou Sovereign Architect of the Universe, bless we pray Thee the Craft, wheresoever dispersed throughout the world, and make us true and faithful to Thee, to our neighbors and to ourselves. And when the time of our labour is drawing near to an end and the pillar of our strength is declining to the ground, graciously enable us to pass through the "valley of the shadow of death," supported by Thy rod and Thy staff, to those mansions beyond the skies, where love, and peace, and joy forever reign before Thy throne. Amen.

The spirit of the pioneers in our Order in this Province, who, through great difficulties of all kinds, not just financial and physical, kept Masonry alive and watched her grow. That, I think, is what we should be expressing our thanks for to-day. How are we going to do it? Is this Anniversary

meeting of Grand Lodge just to express our Thanksgiving and that's all? I always feel that we can't possibly express 'Thanks' simply by words. When we feel that we really have something to be thankful for we can say 'Thank-you' of course, but the only way that we can really express it is by actions, by deeds. They always cost something and I don't mean material costs. If we want to express our thanks for the fifty years of Masonry in this Jurisdiction, I think that, the best way we can express it is by a rededication of ourselves to the principles for which we stand, by trying, even more than we have done in the past, to express to the world outside what Freemasonry stands for. We should show our thanks for fifty years of growth in this Province by going into the next fifty years with a sense of greater responsibility, a greater determination to uphold the principles for which our Order stands and a greater dedication of ourselves to the great truths, which we say we believe in. So 'Thanksgiving' means not only just saying thank-you, it means acting it out, it means a resolve that our expression of thanks, is not just so many words, but that it will translate into action the determination to make our beloved Order something more effective, even, in the future than it has been in the past.

HYMN —

O worship the King.

NATIONAL ANTHEM —

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION —

Grand Master: Brethren, May I say to you, on behalf of Grand Lodge, that we are more than pleased with the response that has met the invitation to attend this Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. It is now my pleasure to introduce to you our Guest Speaker of the afternoon, a Speaker whom we who attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary, held in Calgary in 1930, had the privilege of hearing. I am sure that you are all pleased that we are again privileged to welcome M.W. Bro. Gilbert Blackstock, Q.C., a Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, a man who has been outstanding in his service to Freemasonry and in his contribution to the welfare of his adopted Province. Without any more ado, Brethren, I am very pleased and proud to present to you our Guest Speaker, M.W. Bro. Gilbert Blackstock. (Applause)

M.W. Bro. Blackstock: M.W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren all. You have conferred upon me a very signal honour in asking me to be your guest speaker this afternoon. I would have preferred, of course, if you had left me a little more time, I should have been underway at four o'clock, however I knew I wouldn't be when I came to the meeting. I have never been to a Masonic meeting in my life, even those that I have conducted, that started on time or finished on time. (Laughter)

I understand that it is not any part of my duty to deal with the history of our Grand Lodge in its relationship with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, our Mother Grand Lodge. We recognise that Manitoba is our Mother Grand Lodge, but I am sure that you all know you can't have a mother without first having had a grandmother and even perhaps a more distant relative than a grandmother. In our case the more distant relative is the United Grand Lodge of England, from which has sprung all the

Masonic bodies as we know them to-day. While we recognise all that Manitoba has done for us I think that we must look back to the Grand Lodge of England, whence we got all our Masonic inspiration.

The United Grand Lodge of England was constituted in 1717, two hundred and thirty eight years ago. True, Masonry existed and was practised in England prior to that time, but under two Grand Lodges, but it is to the United Grand Lodge of England that we look back as our oldest relative. I mention this fact mostly because, while we are celebrating our fiftieth anniversary, we are in fact celebrating our two hundred and thirty-eighth when we relate our Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of England.

Our Charges to a Freemason are all derived from ancient documents, which are to be found in England and which are the essence of our Masonic history and belief to-day. There are a lot of weird tales told about Masonry and one of them is that Noah and two of his sons were the first men to organise a Grand Lodge, another equally foolish story is that the first Grand Master was Moses. There are all kinds of nonsensical tales like that and it surprises me that when we have a lot of real meat, we go around devouring trash of that kind. However, I must not trespass on the province of the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, actually, this afternoon, you could take the speeches of the Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier, His Worship the Mayor and the sermon preached by R. W. Bro. Canon Morgan, throw them all into a hat and you have already had my speech! (Laughter) I remember being asked to propose the toast to Robert Burns, but everything in the wide world that can be said about that man has been said. I have given that address, perhaps five or six times, from different manuscripts, but in essence the same and so it is with an anniversary, it comes so often that it is difficult to find much more to say that has not already been said. In terms of time, in terms of eternity, Fifty years is but an infinitesimal fraction of time. In terms of authentic Masonic history, it represents two hundred and thirty eight years and in terms of human history, say seventy generations. In terms of every-day life, fifty years represents the period of our Masonic life in this Province. FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS is our Provincial slogan, if I may so call it, representing the period from the stormy political birth of the Province in 1905, when it was torn out of the North West Territories, which had been a Government dominated territory for years, and emerged in 1905 as a sovereign state. No longer subservient to anyone else, except in the limitation of its powers imposed by the British North America Act. In 1905 our Grand Lodge was born, with eighteen starting Lodges, a mere handful of members. We did not come into existence as did the Province, in a political storm, but we became a Grand Lodge in complete harmony and concord and with the blessing and good wishes of our Mother Grand Lodge. Fifty Golden Years! I suppose so, if you want to talk in terms of material prosperity, but were not those so called golden years overshadowed by two devastating wars, with all the hardships that they imposed, not perhaps too much in Alberta, but taking it by and large over the world. The financial burdens which they laid upon us, but above all the crushing grief which they brought to mothers, to wives and to children of this Province.

Can we forget the frustrations caused by the dismal thirties? That period of depression, the bankruptcies, the want, the misery and poverty

which followed in the train of that depression? Or should we look at our present prosperity, forgetting that in many ways it is an aftermath of war, perhaps to some extent it is due to the discovery of natural resources in this Province, but to a large extent it is an aftermath of war—is that a pleasing reflection? In our complacency are we to sit back and say there will never be another depression or there will never be another war? Perhaps, instead of doing that we might say to ourselves ‘Are there any lessons which we have learned during the fifty years which we can put to practical use in the rest of our lives’. My friends, there are cross-roads in the lives of every individual and in the life of every organization. We as Masons came to a cross-road in our lives when we entered the Lodge for initiation, to another cross-road when we had the second degree and to a most important cross-road when we received the sublime degree of a Master Mason. To-day our Grand Lodge, as an organization, is at one of those cross-roads and we should recognise, we are recognising, that there is a cross-road. We came into being in 1905, twenty-five years ago it was my privilege to attend the twenty-fifth anniversary. I did so in a dual capacity, one as a member of the Order and as Senior Grand Warden at this time. As I wrote these words there was, above my desk, the picture taken in front of the Masonic Temple in Calgary and believe me Brethren, it is rather distressing to look at that picture and see how many of those present in October 1930 have passed to their reward. That was the first important cross-road and this is the second. But let us not fear that this is the final year in the fifty golden years, let us believe that there are more golden years to come. We stand at the cross-road of time and like travellers we should pause and reflect, we should study the path which we have pursued up until now, so that we can refresh our sense of direction to enable us to exercise wisdom in the road which are to follow in the future. That is the sense and meaning of this celebration. I care not whether you call it our Fiftieth Anniversary or our Two Hundred and thirty-eighth, but we can look back to the glories of the past and to the vicissitudes which have attended past years, from all of which we may seek hope and inspiration for the future. We must not forget that we cannot separate our Order from the Province, of which we are so proud and which has given us so much in a material way nor can we disassociate ourselves with Canada and the British Commonwealth of Nations as a whole.

Let us look for a moment at our Province. At its birth its population was a few scant thousands, while to-day we have something over one million souls. In the beginning our economy was geared to agriculture and agriculture alone and even to-day agriculture is our predominant industry. Even so, it is being challenged by a new type of industrialization. Our principal cities are emerging from an industrial era which was dependent upon agriculture for its raw material, wheat, oats, barley, cattle, hogs and sheep to a wider industrialization based upon petroleum and petroleum products, or in other words the petro-chemical and allied industries. Our large cities each have refineries, with the promise of more to follow. In 1905, if I remember correctly, the subsidy which we got from the Federal Government was One million dollars. Population was scanty, other sources of revenue were very trifling, but even then, and I am sure some of you will remember, people wondered how on earth the Province was going to spend a million dollars in a year. To-day the estimated revenue for this Province of over One Hundred and seventy millions of dollars, with expenditures in the same ratio. From an era

of oil lamps and candles we have come to a point where electrical energy is available for more than one half of the Province of Alberta. To-day, in addition to all our vast agriculture domain, we are producing oil, natural gas, salt, sulphur, wood and wood-products in ever expanding quantities. In the field of education, the little red school house has virtually disappeared, we have now concentrated in larger School Divisions. The Government appropriation for education in this year of 1955 is over thirty-four millions of dollars, so that in the end, in spite of two devastating wars, in spite of a depression, in spite of crop failures, in spite of pest infestation and in spite of all the other plagues which beset agriculture, I think we are justified in calling the period of 1905 to 1955, the Fifty Golden Years. Looking forward we may be justified in concluding that many golden years lie ahead.

Again looking into the past, we can say that what is true of the Province is true of the Masonic Order. From a small beginning, of a few scattered Lodges and a very few members we have progressed to the point where we have 159 Chartered Lodges and a total membership of 17,334, as of December 31st 1954. We have a Benevolent Fund of over Two hundred thousand dollars, which of course started at zero. We have another fund available, for use if need be, of over one hundred thousand dollars. In the interim, we had our difficulties, not only as individuals but as an organization. During the dismal thirties our membership declined at an alarming rate. This was not only due to lack of applications, but in a larger measure to suspension for non-payment of dues. I sometimes think that we failed in our obligation to those members. Through no fault of their own they were obliged to submit to suspension for not paying their dues, I suppose we said 'Well that's what the book says and we must go by the book'. I don't think that we should do that, I think that we should go by the lesson in the North East corner of the Lodge. Why should we say to a man 'You preferred to buy a loaf of bread for your family instead of paying your Lodge dues, if that is what you prefer we will put you out of the Masonic Order'. Isn't that a travesty on that which we so glibly preach on the night of our Initiation. Let it never be said that we penalise a man because he put his family before the Masonic Lodge, let us never do that again. Let us find a constitutional way of getting around the book. You don't have to say 'Well it said that in the book and that's what I'm going to do'. Look around, come to me, I'll furnish you with a means whereby you can get around the Constitution in a legal manner. (Laughter and applause) Now gentlemen, happily the tide has turned and we can look with pride at our organization as it exists to-day, just as we can look with pride at the Province of which we are so proud. We should look, not at our material position, but at our spiritual position. If I may say so, with all apologies to the Reverend gentlemen who are here to-day, I look upon the spiritual with some difficulty of evaluation. After all, the Masonic Order is really made up of its component parts and it is impossible to evaluate the spiritual attitude of the component parts of the Masonic Order and we are forced to come to a wide generalization. Do we not say however, that we have come through a dreadful depression and during that period we were able to retain a membership of eleven thousand, at its lowest point. Surely a membership such as that, in a far flung Province, and it may interest those from the United States that where we are meeting at the present moment is about 80 miles south of the middle of the Province, I believe, Meanook, some 80 miles north, is the exact middle of the

Province, but we are south of the middle and that will give you an idea of how large the Province is. We were able through that depression to retain eleven thousand members, we surely are able to conclude that there is some spiritual value which will keep men attached to an organization where there were very few degrees going on and the social evenings were few and far between. There must be some spiritual value in an organization which can maintain a membership with a moral such as that.

May we look for a moment at the Masonic future, looking at it from our present cross-roads. I think that we are entitled to assume that our principles are eternal and that so long as we remain a free people, we need not fear for our Order or fear that its principles will fall into desuetude. We know that freedom is in danger in these modern times—I'm not going to give you a lecture on Communism. As a rule we think of danger to freedom as coming from the outside, I think there is as much danger to freedom in the inside as there is on the outside, that danger arises because of apathy, a failure to realise what is going on in our own midst. That great man, the late President Roosevelt, who proclaimed during the war the Four famous Freedoms, did not name four to the exclusion of all others, he was too keen a scholar, he was too careful a politician. What Mr. Roosevelt really meant I am sure, and if he had been talking to a few people he would have said that there is just one freedom, not four, not six, but just one freedom, the freedom of the individual soul, a freedom which triumphs over fear and want and all other ills that come over human beings, and grants to man the power to think for himself and gives him the right to create his own world. If I am right what is it that threatens our freedom? Again I say to you that it is apathy on our part. You know, Darwin tells us that man is no special creation but is the product of immutable chance, variation formed by natural selection, which has produced that which we know as man.

Astronomers tell us how insignificant a thing this little world of ours is, how many countless suns there are, how many satellites revolve around those suns, how puny and contemptible is our earth. Now, in spite of all these things, whether they are true or whether they are not, it doesn't matter whether we came by evolution or by natural selection, the fact remains that we are human beings. We are men and women and must live our own lives, within the orbit of our own world. We say of course that we are in an evolutionary stage and that which is, must be. That to my mind is pure defeatism. Are we as individuals merely pawns in a game, are we to be run by a select few who think that they know how to run things, are we subservient to one or more persons who draw the plans for us (I'm not talking about Town-Planners, who are not very well thought of in some places nowadays). Does it mean that someone, some other man, some group of men have that prescience to know what is right for us. Must they draw a plan and must they prepare a planned economy for us. I think that is just plain nonsense. We should be free to form our own life and to live our own life, without planners or economists telling us what we must do, but we are so apathetic we are going to let those chaps just go ahead and do that very thing. I said I am not going to lecture on Communism and I am not but an evolution of that kind could be just as dangerous to the freedom of the individual as Communism is to the freedom of the people of Russia. Now Brethren, do not forget that each one of us is a person in his own right and

different from every other human being. It is that difference between the individual which makes it so difficult and inconvenient to those who wish to plan and design and lay-out our lives for us. What is freedom? I have feebly tried to define it and I have posed a problem that I cannot answer, except by that one word, the danger to it is the apathy of the human being. Someone has said, and I like it very much, the solution lies in that deep sense of kinship which makes a man truly feel that he is a member of a Community. Perhaps it lies in a moral law 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself'.

That simple statement brings me back to the fundamental question What is Freemasonry? and why do we observe Anniversaries? It is not my purpose to speak on the ethical side of Freemasonry, but rather to attempt to define, very briefly, its practicable aspects. A Mason is taught reverence, patriotism, good citizenship,, respect for law and regard for the rights and tolerance for the weaknesses of his fellow men, with an ever readiness to assist the downtrodden and to succour the desolate, and to that, to which I do not say Amen, I say that we are a Society of men who value the freedom of life in all its aspects. That freedom of life is one of the visions that we can see ahead and we stand at the present and immediate cross-roads of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I have posed a question of complete freedom and liberty, always, of course, within the law, not four freedoms or any multiple thereof. I can give an answer, not my own, but a quotation which I have used before in Masonic meetings, but it is so vital that I don't hesitate at all to use it again. It is a pronouncement made by Sir Alfred Denning, one of the Lord Justices of Appeal of the High Court of England and this is what he says;—

'And what does it all come to, surely this, that if we seek truth and justice we cannot find it by argument and debate, nor by reading or by thinking, but only by the maintainence of true religion and virtue. Religion concerns the spirit of man whereby he is able to recognise what is truth and what is justice, whereas law is only the application, however imperfectly of truth and justice in our every-day affairs. If religion perishes in the land, truth and justice will also. We have already strayed far from the faith of our fathers, let us return to it, for it is the only thing that will save us.'

I conclude my address with those arresting words, I am quite sure that Sir Alfred Denning did not refer to the Old-Testament, nor to our Bible as we of the Christian faith know it, nor was he referring to the Koran, nor to the Vetas. I don't know whether he was a Mason or not. He actually was referring to the faith we have in the Great Architect of the Universe, the faith to which we all subscribe as a rule to govern our lives.

My congratulations, M. W. Grand Master, to the Grand Lodge of Alberta on this, its Fiftieth Anniversary. I know well that I shall not be at the next one, but I hope when it comes that you will have more years of progress to look back on and more inspiration to look forward to in the future. (Applause)

GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I am sure that in extending our thanks to M. W. Brother Blackstock, I will be speaking the mind of everyone

in this gathering when I say that the inspiration of which he talks has been most definitely conveyed to us in his words this afternoon. I am sure that you will all join with me in expressing to our Guest Speaker, our deepest thanks for a well considered and inspiring address, given to us on the occasion of our Anniversary. (Applause)

Now Brethren, the hour is getting late and the dinner is called for the Macdonald Hotel at 6.30 P.M. I can assure you of a very interesting program at the Hotel this evening and I sincerely trust that all will be able to find suitable accommodation. I might say to you that we have a large number of tickets out for the dinner, but the Hotel has promised to take care of everybody who comes and I hope that we shall have a gathering there that will establish history in the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I am going to close the Grand Lodge in short form and ask that the Brethren will remain standing until those in the East have retired.

GRAND SECRETARY: M. W. Grand Master, it is believed that a large number of members have not registered, according to the figures that I have. Will those who have not registered please do so, downstairs, before leaving the building. R. W. Bro. Lauder will take care of them.

GRAND MASTER: Brethren you have heard that message, those who have not registered, please do so. — I will now ask the Grand Director of Ceremonies to have the Colours retired.

Grand Lodge closed at 5.05 P.M.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A Banquet was held in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton at 6.30 P.M. October 14th 1955, with some 800 members in attendance. The M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert was Toastmaster, Seated on his right was His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, the Hon. Dr. J. J. Bowlen, whilst on his left was the Guest Speaker of the evening, M. W. Brother William Douglas, P.G.M. of Manitoba. Other distinguished visitors and Senior Past Grand Masters were also seated at the Head Table.

The Grand Organist, Bro. Peter J. Delicate (77) was in charge of the musical entertainment and the artists were Mr. Edgar Williams, Violinist and Miss Marguerite Marzantowicz, pianist; and Mr. William Smith, tenor.

The Brethren joined in the singing of O Canada, Grace was said by M. W. Bro. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton, P.G.M. and the Loyal Toast to the Queen and the Craft was honoured.

Following the meal the Grand Master welcomed the Visitors and Members to the Banquet and introduced these seated at the head table, following which a violin solo was much enjoyed.

GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I am very pleased at this time to call upon one of our Past Grand Masters to introduce the Speaker of the evening. Before I do that, however, I would like to express my appreciation of the number of Past Grand Masters who are in attendance at the Communication. As you know, from this being our Fiftieth Anniversary,

we have fifty Past Grand Masters and of the twenty-five who are still living we are very happy to-night to have twenty-one present. (Applause) At this time I am very pleased to call upon M. W. Bro. Harry E. Howard to introduce our Guest Speaker. I don't think that any introduction is necessary for M. W. Bro. Howard, I would like to say this, however, that he has been Chairman of our Fiftieth Anniversary Committee and I leave it to you to judge how efficiently he has performed his task.

M.W. Bro. Howard: M.W. Toastmaster and Brethren, it has been a great pleasure to me to have anything to do with this Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. Then I find, on top of it, that I have been given this distinct pleasure of introducing a man for whom I have a very great regard. Furthermore I know that in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba he is held in very high esteem and he has done a marvellous amount of work for them. He is a man who has been a Mason for close to fifty-two years and it is very appropriate that he should be at our Fiftieth Anniversary. He is a Past Grand Master of twenty-five years standing and he is also the Grand Historian for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, our Mother Grand Lodge. One of the highlights of the work that he has been doing in Manitoba is a book which he wrote on Masonry in Manitoba from 1864 to 1925, and if anyone wishes to read an interesting piece of literature, I would recommend that to him, because it certainly gives a wonderful insight into the beginnings of Masonry in Manitoba and how they managed themselves as they went along. In addition to all this our distinguished speaker is the Editor of the publication which they issue in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, called *Masonry in Manitoba*. That has been going for eleven years and he has been the mainspring. To say that he is affectionately known in Manitoba is a very small degree of expression, because they simply love him. On top of all this, he is the Past President of the Historical Society of Manitoba and has always been identified with its work. He seems to have a nose for getting into the details of things. One of his articles in the *Proceedings of Manitoba* is about the massacre of Sevenoaks and that is looked upon as a masterpiece of historical recitation. Now all of this would indicate to you that we have a man here who is of a literary mind and I think that that is exactly right and besides all this, he has always been interested in public affairs. He has always tried to do something for the community in which he lives and I think we are very fortunate in having from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, our Mother Grand Lodge, one of their esteemed Past Grand Masters, I have very great pleasure in introducing to you, M. W. Bro. Bill Douglas. (Applause)

M. W. Bro. Douglas: M. W. Grand Master, Your Honour, my dear friend Harry Howard and to cut out all those embellishments which usually accompany a Masonic address at the refreshment hour, I will say My Brethren.

I would be guilty of a great social sin if I neglected to express my appreciation at being invited to be your Speaker at this historic gathering. At this time I want to add my feeble word of appreciation with regard to the eminent position held by the Masons of the North American Continent, to the accomplishments of the Masons of Alberta during their fifty years life as a Grand Lodge. And in doing so, I have been requested by my Grand Master to say to you Brethren, that he desires me to be his mouthpiece in adding his token of appreciation and congratulation, on this your fiftieth birthday.

Now, Brethren, they say sometimes it is good for the soul to make confession and at the outset I would like, before this vast audience and in order to ease my conscience to some degree to make a confession. Fifty-one years ago last April, in the year 1904, I sailed from Greenock, with transportation from Greenock to Edmonton, Alberta. Somehow or other, to use the language of the Edmonton Eskimos, somebody ran interference and certainly threw a block—I remained in Winnipeg—and for the first time in my life and especially following the national characteristics, which is attributed to the country from whence I came, I waited until somebody paid my expenses and now I arrive at Edmonton to see what it looks like. (laughter and applause) That is my confession for the moment, Brethren, but added to the confession I must add a spasm of disappointment. Many many months ago I was asked if I would accept this assignment and I said I wasn't the right man for this position, nor for this particular job. Insistance after insistance asked me to be definite in making an appointment to go to Calgary in the month of June and address the Fiftieth Anniversary gathering of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and I consented. Well the internal affairs of Grand Lodges and I suppose that Alberta is no different from other Grand Lodges, they all seem to have little internal changes from time to time, and I don't think we would be a Grand Lodge if we didn't, anyway some change took place and I got a letter asking me if I could accommodate myself and come to Edmonton in the month of October instead of going to Calgary in the month of June, and herein lies my disappointment. There was I all buoyed up in the hope that when I arrived in Calgary, to attend a very prominent conference, I'd be greeted by a pipe band at the station, that the Mayor would be welcoming me and that I would go back to Winnipeg, decorated with the emblem of an honorary citizen of the City of Calgary and have a ten gallon white hat to show to my Grand Children. (Laughter) All this disappointment, Brethren, and now I find myself in the City of Edmonton but I am minus my ten gallon hat.

This introduction, like all other introductions to speakers, reminds me, and in order to keep faith with Sam Harris, he asked me if I was going to tell stories and I said no, this was a serious meeting I didn't tell stories when the sentiment of the meeting didn't call for it, but in order to take away that spasm of disappointment that might linger with Sam as he goes to the frozen Arctic, I would like to say that what Harry Howard told you to-night reminds me of the story of a little town down south, where, whenever a visiting speaker happened along the introduction always fell to the local Banker, who happened to be a graduate of Yale. When he got up to introduce the speaker, regardless of who he was or where he came from, he always brought out the fact that he was a graduate of Yale and what a significance the letters Y A L E brought to his mind. He took the letter Y and dwelt for a time on Y which stood for Youth and then he went on to the letter A, which was Ambition and again he dwelt on all that Ambition stood for. L was for Loyalty and E was for Enthusiasm and he elaborated much more extensively than I have time to tell you to-night of what he said, I am merely giving you the kernel of what he was talking about and then he introduced the speaker as Harry tried to do to-night. The speaker got up to reply and said that he appreciated what the gentleman who had introduced him had said. He said that it was quite an honour to be a graduate of Yale, but he was quite sure that the audience, along with himself, would thank God that he was not a graduate of the Massachusettes

Institute of Technology, otherwise they might have been sitting there all night, listening to all the qualifications of the letters of The Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Well Brethren, what Harry said suggested to my mind, I wonder if we could make any application of that line of Burns where he talks about seeing ourselves as others see us. I want to tell Harry that if he expects his description of the speaker to-night to be something where I have to see myself as someone else sees me, I can't recognise the character that fits the description in any shape or form.

My Brethren, most of us drive a car and when on a journey don't we rely on a road map? Well I do and it sets the direction in which we will travel and it keeps us on our course. If we hadn't the road map there is always the danger of getting into those elusive detours and by-paths and we wind up some place far from where we are directed. This might have been avoided if we had stuck very closely and followed the directions of the road map. Brethren, I want to say to you, in order that I may not follow a devious course I have provided myself with a road map and in order to keep away detours, I am going to stick very closely to what I have prepared as my message to you on this celebration.

This, my Brethren, is a great day for the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In saying this, Brethren, I do not just think of those of you who at the present time comprise its membership, rather I have in mind the men who fifty years hence will be engaged in celebrating your centenary. I am sure that there has been a great deal of back-tracking these past few months, searching out records, checking biographies, reading long forgotten minutes and reports, all to the end that on this Golden Jubilee, the story of the past fifty years may be presented unadorned. What we do together to-night on this particular occasion, will be carefully preserved and when the hundredth anniversary rolls around it will be carefully scanned and woven into the celebration literature, by the men who will come after us.

One of the pleasures of life is to stand at some window of remembrance and look down on the years with their golden yesterdays, and intimate associations. If you find the right window, choose the proper time, then the prospect becomes one, becomes a vista of dreams. Freemasonry, my Brethren, is full of such windows. Magic casements which will open upon memorable events, the beloved Craftsman of other days, the old Past Master, the old Tiler, the absolutely correct Ritualist, all men who spent themselves with unselfish devotion and consecrated sacrifice. You never tire Brethren, you never tire as you look back and take a glance of other days, of other scenes, surely then it is fitting that we mark this day of commemoration, in tribute of the hundreds of unknown Masons, forgotten of fame and unsung by poetry, who by their love and loyalty built their very selves into our Craft. To this generation their names are lost, safe in the memory of God and they sleep in the indistinguishable dust, content to live in the work they wrought and the good they did.

That gifted Freemason, Joseph Fort Newton, so aptly said on a similar occasion 'We honour ourselves, we honour ourselves by recalling the men of other days, but we lay upon ourselves the obligation to labour as they have laboured, with forward looking thoughts while establishing more firmly the work of their hands. Others have laboured,

we have entered into their labours, and it behoves us to continue that sacred history'. Brethren that remark of Joseph Fort Newton very very appropriately fits the situation of to-day.

Now Brethren, for good and sufficient reason I do not intend to deal with the intimate history of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The significance of your Jubilee has been covered in the several articles that have appeared in your monthly publication. In addition to these contributions I understand that two important and appropriate papers were read at a meeting of the Canadian Masonic Research Association held in this City on August 31st. I am content therefore to leave the telling of the family history to those who participate in it and would direct your thoughts for a little while to what I have chosen to title "Yesterday and Tomorrow".

Someone has said 'we are the heirs of the past and the ancestors of the future.' Let us therefore regard ourselves as heirs to a priceless heritage, delivered to us by men who laid the foundation of the Masonic Craft in other days. By the same token and having regard to the words of the quotation, we must at the same time consider ourselves to be ancestors, ancestors to the men who will cross the threshold of Freemasonry in days that are to come. As I cast my mind back across the years, I wonder what thoughts coast through the mind of James Finlay, a member of St Peter's Lodge, Montreal, when he came to the solitude of Peace River in 1792? Brethren, I believe he was the first Freemason to travel in and cross the land now known as the Province of Alberta. We might pause and consider for a moment Brother Mathew Conner, a Brother who signed the first petition for a dispensation in the Red River valley in 1864 and who immediately after he signed that petition and before he could even attend the first meeting of the newly instituted Lodge, left across the plains and came to the Province of Alberta and opened the first school in what is now known as the Province of Alberta and he was a Freemason.

Then January 12th 1882 ought to appear on the calendar of this Grand Lodge as a red letter day, especially in the annals of Alberta Freemasonry. On that date authority was given to open the first Lodge in the territory. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba issued a dispensation on that date to open Saskatchewan Lodge in Edmonton. What a thrill these hardy pioneers in that first Lodge would experience as they met, as we do, to open their Lodge, to close their Lodge, to confer the three degrees. Do we realise, Brethren, do we realise the debt we owe to the founding Fathers. These men did more than organize Saskatchewan Lodge in Alberta, they instituted and established our Craft in an isolated part of the Dominion of Canada, which twenty-three years later, in 1905, became the Province of Alberta. They did not realise at the time that their effort also laid the foundation on which this Grand Lodge would rise in 1905. We are indeed heirs to a great heritage.

When we consider heirs in a general way, we do not find them to be very appreciative, what they inherit has cost them nothing, they are heedless of the benefactor, he used his God given initiative, his labour, his love, his ability to create something. Then in the course of time his hard earned possessions came to someone who had no part whatever in their creation. Little do the beneficiaries know or care about the pain, about the exhausting experience, the weary grind, the bitter

struggle, the disappointments, the defeats encountered by the ancestor. And this taken-for-granted attitude Brethren is by no means confined to material benefactions, which come to heirs at law. It is found in every sphere of life, yes amongst ourselves, to our shame we have so little regard, if any, for spiritual gifts that were bought at such a price, for you, for me, by our ancestors of yesterday. Our spiritual heritage is one of the forgotten things of to-day. This so called modern way of life, provides ample evidence that scant respect is paid to the men who left a great heritage to posterity. We fail to realise that because of the idealism of the men who preceded us and who had a passion to fight for their ideals, we enjoy conditions, such as the world never knew before. Oh, yes I know quite well that our fathers and our grandfathers were settled citizens in a relatively secure world. God was in his heaven and all things considered life with them ticked along and dawned quite serenely. And we are quite sure that God is still in his heaven, but, and its a big but, as for this old world, well the ticking, as far as I can see, it sometimes certainly seems to tick and has a kind of a disjointed sound. It seems to me Brethren, that we need more cool-headed planning, not only in our personal affairs but the wider reaches of which we are an important part. Our hour of refreshment and I do not mean exactly the hour of refreshment altogether or the hour of refreshment after labour in the lodge but our hour of refreshment in general terms, ought to be a period in which we find time and opportunity to contemplate our heritage, we would find benefits by realising that material progress skill in manufacture, advance in the arts, even refined tastes in artistic excellence, added themselves no sure indication that civilization is of any real value. We must understand this one thing necessary, that is to cultivate and civilize our hearts. Think back half a century to the time that this Grand Lodge was formed. The worlds richest and most powerful families then, did not have the comforts and conveniences the working man of to-day now enjoys. More than that, the ordinary man regardless of station to-day, enjoys an individual security and self respect undreamed of fifty years ago. Project this thought, my Brethren into the years that lie ahead. We can see the people of that future time, enjoying a standard of living, a freedom from anxiety, that is but a vision to us to-day. That my Brethren, is progress, but all this did not just happen, all of us, and the men who will carry on when we are gone are beneficiaries of some ancestor, or ancestors, whose striving is all but forgotten, but whose benefactions we accept just as a matter of course. Yes and as we look back to the past we observe conditions which are now regarded as stupid, inhuman, yet they were accepted as necessary and inevitable by our ancestors. Conditions now regarded as necessary and essential to human happiness, were considered impractical not so long ago. The point Brethren that I want to make is this, that the things that we enjoy to-day, in the home, in the school, in the Church and in our Masonic Lodges and elsewhere, cost dearly and somebody paid the price for the heritage that is ours.

Let us be reminiscent for a few minutes, the form of Government under which we live did not come about without a struggle. Democracy in which there was to be a quality of opportunity was at one time considered a iridescent dream, an impossibility. Our forefathers had to contend long, to strive hard on the field of battle and in the legislative halls, to secure for us—us—the freedom, which to-day is taken more or less for granted. They left a great heritage to their heirs, that is to

you, to me and to all our fellow citizens. Our Constitutional system consists in the eternal principles of justice, in the relation between man and man under our social impact. We have the rule of equity applied to every day of existence, we have rights guaranteed, to every citizen, which the strongest may not invade and which the weakest citizen is free to invoke for his own protection. These principles cannot be traced by history, their source is lost in the mist of antiquity. They flourished under the English Common Law and it was but the declaration of them that was contained in the great Charter at Runnymede in 1215. Free education, now a fundamental principle of civilization, belonged to dreamland not so very long ago. The open Bible on our Masonic Altars is the symbol of an open Bible everywhere. Once upon a time the great Light of Masonry was not an open book and how much information does the average man know about the lions that were sacrificed. The men and women burned at the stake, tortured, killed, all because they advocated the Volume of Sacred Law for all mankind. The right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience, the right of free speech, the freedom of the Press, the right of public assembly, the right to hold property, all these were bequeathed to us, long before the Atlantic Charter was ever thought of. These rights and privileges were but a part of our spiritual heritage, delivered to us by the men of yesterday.

At what cost these priceless gifts were purchased we dare not hazard a guess, this we should know they form a great inheritance for which we made no contribution, nor had any part in their creation. Brethren, it is fitting that we should hold a day of commemoration, a day on which we recall the past and all that it means and surely, with our background, we realise that the principles of freedom and justice are eternal and like the principles of Freemasonry, will last for ever. As we look around, Brethren, we find there are those who are forgetful of their inheritance, are dissatisfied and discontented. Perfection with them is long overdue. But we will have to travel a long way yet, Brethren, a long way, and we will meet many obstacles before we reach the millenium. You will recall that we claim Freemasonry to be a progressive science. This indicates that with all our advance, we as dedicated Freemasons, still acknowledge that perfection has not been attained, but I do believe that we have made remarkable progress. Man being what he is, perhaps it is too much to expect that he will ever devise a perfect social system, the struggle for greater achievement will go on, because with all his advancement man has not ceased to be a fighting animal. I believe that it is this urge for greater achievement socially, fraternally, spiritually, that brings man together in our Masonic Lodges. In the realm of Freemasonry, we are indeed the heirs of the brethren who laid the foundations, long long ago. Our generation did not create the Craft, it has come to us through the years in varying forms. The road at times has been rough and difficulties which at the time seemed unsurmountable were encountered. Now the calling of the monthly meeting of the Lodge is so simple that in places it has become merely a matter of routine. My Brethren, we must be realistic. You and I have been accepted into a Society of friends and brothers, which through the centuries has continued to exemplify the highest ideals centered upon human relationship. We must dedicate our lives to Brotherhood. Of course our Craft is composed of human kind and we can make no claim to extraordinary virtues, yet through all its experiences Freemasonry has demonstrated itself to be an organization of fine fellowship and practical helpfulness. Our Masonic ancestors gave

to the craft devotion, loyalty and an abiding faith. In the dim and misty past our leaders forged arrows of light on the anvils of freemasonry and to us comes the challenge to produce the bows to send these silver arrows home.

Up to this point, Brethren, I have directed your attention to the inspiring heroism and devotion of the men who left to us a great heritage, they are our ancestors, but that is only half the story. We have an entirely different relationship to the future than we have to the past. We are the ancestors of the future, of to-morrow we can assume no responsibility whatever, nor a claim for the past, but we cannot escape responsibility for what we bequeath to our heirs. The finest bequest that most of us received from our parents was not money or material power, perhaps they had little worldly goods to leave, but we have the recollection of their sterling character their words of advice and admonition, and above all the example of their daily lives. These intangibles constitute an inheritance, more valuable and more enduring than all the gold in Canada.

What of the national inheritance that we have received from the past? I have already remarked that our community services and our rights and privileges as citizens cost a great deal before they became ours. It has cost plenty to preserve this priceless heritage. What kind of a world then would you want your heirs to inherit? It has been demonstrated that some of the precious gifts of the past are not inviolable, we cannot ignore the fact that forms of government have been created in recent years which are at variance with our kind of authority. There has been a regimentation of life and thought, which completely destroys and negates individual initiative. This issue very definitely confronts the world to-day and we must guard our approaches if we want to preserve our heritage. What kind of an ancestor then, will you and I be? What inheritance will we leave? Can you imagine a Godless world, a totalitarian state and regimented existence, can you joyfully pass such things on to the citizens who will take your place in the years that lie ahead? What a tragic substitute they would be, for what we received from our fathers. Remember, always remember, my Brethren, our greatest enemy is personal apathy and let me add this word of caution, don't let George do too much for you.

On this commemorative occasion we should have regard of the fact that what the future holds for Freemasonry depends upon the work we do today, we are indeed responsible for tomorrow. What kind of a Lodge are you building? What type of leadership proceeds from Grand Lodge? The answers, Brethren, lie wholly with the men who comprise our membership of Grand Lodge, the membership of our Lodges today. Shall we deliver a burning torch or an extinguished light? The aims, the ideals and the purpose of Freemasonry have the same values now as they had in that raw January day in 1882, when dispensation was issued to W. Bro. Philip Heimnck to open Saskatchewan Lodge at Edmonton, thus bringing organised Freemasonry to this part of the Dominion for the first time. The Charter members of that pioneer Lodge lit the lamp of Brotherhood in an isolated spot, hundreds of miles removed from the nearest Lodge. These hardy Craftsmen did more than institute the local Lodge, they established for posterity the centre to which is drawn all men who follow the quest for brotherhood, they like their ancestors before

them, contributed to the heritage that we have and which finds expression in the historic ceremonies which we have this day witnessed. Do you ever give a single thought to the physical conditions and the hardship under which Freemasonry was brought to the Frontier settlements? The past seventy-five years are jammed and crammed with achievements that out-balance the sum total of progress since Canada was first discovered. Think what the pioneer had to contend with, when evening fell, the best illumination was from a tallowdip, ignition came from flint and steel, the common ordinary sulphur match had not been developed, piped water did not reach the kitchen through a tap and the sorely tried Community pump or the nearby river was the source of the water supply for a whole Community. In the Lodge room where the pioneer Brethren met, the seating accommodation consisted of rough planks supported at each end by empty nail kegs, while upended barrels served as pedestals for the three principal officers. I am not drawing the long bow Brethren; we have actual instances of these conditions existing. If they had make-shift furniture there was certainly nothing shoddy in the type of Freemasons that they made in these days. And the Masons of this Jurisdiction, Brethren, cannot sit back in smug self-satisfaction as they review the records on this Anniversary, they are naturally proud of their achievement, but not boastful. As individuals, its members are serving in every cause engaged in building a better Canada, and they will continue to serve. The Masonic Lodge will have stabilizing influence in the rough and ready pioneering period, it is still an anchorage in the present and will be in the days to come. It helped to build this country from ocean to ocean and it will not now lay down the Plumb, the Square and the Trowel. For nearly three quarters of a century in Alberta and for centuries elsewhere, Masonry has united men of goodwill, who have striven to make tangible the power of Brotherhood, the worth of Virtue and reality of the Ideal. I am convinced, Brethren, Masons will continue to build the Temple of Brotherhood among the Nations and in the hearts of individual men. Contemplating these thoughts then, we want to occasionally think back, further and further, not only our own experiences but the experiences of the men who broke trail in the long, long ago. By doing this we will rediscover the extraordinary promise and freshness of the early years. Thinking back will freshen us up, we will find perspective and our imagination will be sharpened. It is not that we seek to escape from the present, rather we want sometimes to stand away from it in order that we may see it more clearly. In front of us there is a more difficult journey than that taken by our forefathers. By re-discovering what they did, by recapturing the spirit that led them, we can prepare ourselves so that we may travel forward without fear. We are called upon to embark upon a crusade, not merely to preserve the accomplishments of the former days but to perpetuate them. If Freemasonry has anything to offer for the good of the world and I certainly believe it has, then let us speak and let us act, let us with the passion of the Crusaders of old, fare forth to defend our heritage, that we may raise a super-structure unfettered by National or regional Bigotries. Times have indeed changed, but they have altered less than the individual, our loyalties seem to be more fragile than the loyalties of our fathers and we have become too subservient to the fleeting distractions of our day. Regardless of time and circumstance, I honestly believe, that deep in the hearts of the average member of our Masonic Lodge, there is an urge to practise the principles of Freemasonry and to live in the spirit of Brotherhood. We bridge yesterday with tomorrow, we who are the Freemasons of today. It is

not enough that we blindly and carelessly accept the heritage I have been talking about and at the same time disregard our obligation to make daily progress. We have a multitude of problems to solve, both in the capacity as citizens and as Freemasons, and because this is so we must not underestimate the importance of a resurgence of the audacious spirit of the pioneers. If this takes hold of the members of the Craft as it did in the early days, then you will have an important date to keep with destiny. So my Brethren, as you walk around the busy thoroughfare of a throbbing city or in the quiet of a village street or worship in a stately Cathedral or in a humble room far removed from the din of modern life, or sit in Lodge with your Brethren at home or far away, I want you to keep this thought in mind, and it is very simple. Someone has been here before, someone laid down plans which are still being followed. Someone made this possible for me, someone expected me as his successor, to be worthy of his work. Yes indeed someone expects me to be worthy. Through most of our history, we have lived with that faith and only as long as we believe it and go on living it, will we be secure. Yesterday our heritage was created, to-day we are responsible for its preservation, tomorrow the judgement of our heirs will tell the story of the contribution we made to this progressive science which we call Freemasonry.

"The times are grave and wise men mourn
The ancient wisdom and her ways,
The quiet folk are overborne
Nor simple sense has any praise;
Debt counts as wealth and pulp as gold,
Hard work is shame and thrift is greed.
Only the bad are overbold,
Take heed! Take heed!

We need our fathers' nobler ways,
Old virtues founded on their faith,
Their quiet hours, their ordered days,
Their joy in work, their calm in death.
Shall we who love them, not proclaim
Their merits for the present need,
Their censure on our modern shame,
Take heed! Take heed!

(Prolonged applause)

GRAND MASTER: M. W. Bro. Harris will now express our thanks to the speaker of the evening.

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris: M. W. Grand Master, Your Honour, M. W. Bro. Douglas and Brethren. I am sure all of you will agree with me when I say that I think this is the most successful communication the Grand Lodge has had during its existence of fifty years. It is marvelous Brethren, to stand here and see the hundreds of faces upturned, looking this way. I notice that M. W. Bro. Douglas mentioned that he bought a ticket for Edmonton some fifty-one years ago and has only just arrived. Well M. W. Bro. Douglas, you don't know what you've missed!

Well Brethren, when I was advised that I was to thank our speakers for to-day, knowing that they were both Scottish, I immediately tried to look up an acquaintance who had a few Scottish friends in Edmonton,

whom I have known for some years, to see if I couldn't get a few pointers in case I was called upon to interpret a little for them to-night. But you have noticed, Brethren, that there was no interpretation necessary from anyone. Our talk to-night has been most pleasant, entertaining and instructive, as was the talk we received this afternoon from our Past Grand Master, Gilbert Blackstock, in the Temple. How they happen to be both Scottish, I don't know, but I have a confession to make to you, Brethren, I am beginning to like the Scotch. (Laughter) But Brethren, it is a pleasure to extend the thanks of this body to our speakers of to-day, perhaps, shall I say more particularly to our speaker for to-night, seeing that he has come to Edmonton for the first time and he has come a long way. On behalf of the Brethren assembled, M. W. Brother Douglas, I thank you for coming to talk to us to-night and I do so at this time with the hope that you will come back to visit us in the near future when I can assure you, Sir, that you will always find a very hearty welcome waiting. (Applause)

Grand Master: Thank you, M.W. Bro. Harris.

We are now to be favoured with a solo by Mr. William Smith.

GRAND MASTER: I would now like to call on M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman, Past Grand Master, to propose the Toast to our Visitors.

M. W. Bro. Hartman: M. W. Grand Master, Your Honour, Distinguished Visitors and Brethren all. To have been invited to propose a toast to the visitors on this occasion is an honour, and if you will permit me, M. W. Bro. Heckbert, I would like to express my deep appreciation of the opportunity you have afforded me to-night. It is a double pleasure, for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Edmonton when I was Grand Master nearly twenty years ago. The memory of the fraternal kindnesses of the Edmonton Brethren to me, during my year of office, live in my heart as fresh as if it were but yesterday. My good friend M. W. Bro. Sam Harris has been extolling, just moderately, his admiration for the Scotch. Now Brethren, I can be more frank with you than my friend Sam Harris and tell you that I am not Scotch and any Scotch that I have in me has been contributed by some kind Brethren. (Laughter)

Erwin Edmonton has said 'How bleak and bare and colourless our lives would be if the past did not persist, and the first thing we know the very yesterday that we renounced would be the golden age to recollect'. Celebrating in harmony, as we are to-night, the Fiftieth Grand Lodge Anniversary, we are bound to feel pride in our strength and progress, but at this time let us remember that we belong to an institution, whose origin is in antiquity and, if I must steal the words from that wonderful address of M. W. Bro. Douglas, I would like to say as he said, "We are heirs of all ages." At this moment we are placed in the forefront in the foremost files of time with obligations to the past, duty to the present and responsibility to the future.

We must uphold the traditions which have survived from time immemorial and continue our dedication to the way of life, which has been developed and handed down to us. Our philosophy is old but still the greatest necessity of the world to-day. We live at present in an age of action, unfortunately not one of synthesis, and present conditions

require, perhaps more than ever before, an institution of thought tolerance and service to humanity. We must guard, lest we become weary in well doing, or discouraged by the constant repetition and insinuation of ideas that are born to our institution and as a Medical man, I may say to you virtue is not taught by prescription. Our principles are best learned by example.

A great source of strength to any fraternal organization of the type of the Masonic institution is visitation and we are happy to have with us to-night, Brethren from far and near. To the Brethren of this Jurisdiction this is an inspiration and will help us to pursue, with more vigour, our Masonic ways. Your presence here Brethren means more than just Fraternal duty and we recognise in it a determined union of heart and purpose to carry the forces of justice and humanity the world over. Having used the words far and near, I think I should refer perhaps to the fact that from the heart of our Empire, from our Mother Grand Lodge of England, we have had personal greetings brought to us by our former Governor General, R. W. Bro. Earl Alexander of Tunis. We have visitors from the Pacific on the west to the Atlantic on the East and Brethren from jurisdictions between these far-flung points, and we feel proud that our Lodge is remembered so nationally. More than this, if proof of the widespread and international scope is needed, we are honoured to have with us brethren from our good neighbour to the South, to help us celebrate to-night. Apparently with Brethren from these scattered points, with many countries represented, Masonry plays its part in world society.

To all our visitors, we say thank you for coming and God Bless every one. Brethren, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to propose a hearty toast to our Visitors.

GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I would like to thank M. W. Bro. Dr Hartman for the Toast to our Visitors. As you will note from your program the first response on the list was to have that of R. W. Bro. Ralph M. Lehr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. R. W. Bro. Lehr, together with his Grand Secretary, found it necessary to leave the hall a few moments ago in order to catch a train on the way to their home. Just before leaving R.W. Bro. Lehr handed me this communication and asked that it be read on his behalf. I might say to you that he advised me too that this is the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that they have taken action of this nature. I will now read this document to you;

“The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge

of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.
Office of the Grand Secretary

George A. Avery
Masonic Temple

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia, September 7, A.D. 1955, A.L. 5955, the following resolution was offered and un-
animously approved:

***RESOLVED:** That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania extend fraternal greetings to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, and sincere congratulations to the*

many Masons who have labored so diligently to make the first half century of its history outstanding and successful. May the great Architect of the Universe continue to bless their labors in the years to come.

SEAL.

ATTEST: GEORGE A. AVERY,

Grand Secretary."

I can assure you that this letter, unique in form, will be deposited in our records for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of the future. It is now my great pleasure to call on M. W. Bro. J. H. N. Morgan, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to assist in responding to the toast to the visitors. M. W. Bro. Morgan.

M.W. Bro. MORGAN: M.W. Grand Master, Your Honour, M.W. Bro. Dr Hartman and Brethren, I consider it a very great honour and privilege to have been invited to assist in the response to the toast that has been so ably and so nicely proposed this evening, to the Brethren who are here visiting the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta. I had hoped, of course, that the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, R. W. Bro. Lehr, had been able to stay and to have given you some little talk and response to this toast in advance of my own words. By so doing possibly I would have relieved myself, and you, of a considerable amount of unnecessary verbiage. I want to tell you at the outset that I come from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and I bring to you M.W. Grand Master and to the members and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the fraternal greetings of my M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dr. Large and with those fraternal greetings our congratulations, our compliments and our very best wishes. Now I would also like to tell you, M.W. Grand Master, that I heard you say something in your talk, pertaining to some Bro. who had journeyed to the State of Arizona in order to find a place in which to die. I would like to tell you that in our great Province of British Columbia we have many pleasant places in which any man can find a place in which to spend his last days, you don't need to go to Arizona. We in British Columbia are particularly close in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge of Alberta. We are somewhat older as a Grand Lodge in point of age and in point of years, but over the years and especially over the past fifty years, since your Grand Lodge was organized, we have entertained towards you a very friendly feeling. We join with you this evening and in speaking for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I also wish to include all those many visitors who are here, in paying a tribute and word of congratulation to you upon this your golden anniversary. We know that over those years much has been done for Freemasonry in this Grand Lodge. Away back in 1905 conditions in this Province of Alberta were not what they are today. I for one have lived in this Western Canada of ours for almost those fifty years. I was one of those individuals who, as a young man, heard the call 'Go West young man, go West'. I was not like M. W. Bro. Douglas, I did not come across the Atlantic and find my way into the Province of Manitoba. I came from the Province of Ontario, not from the County of Bruce nor from of the counties near Glengarry, but from one of the more civilized parts of Ontario. I heard this call to the west and I finally managed to make the grade under my own steam and expense too—M. W. Bro. Douglas—by the way, I am wondering what became of the other half of the ticket of which you spoke and which you said carried you as far as Winnipeg. Did you use the other half to journey from Winnipeg to Edmonton on this particular occasion? (Laughter) (M. W.

Bro. Douglas interjects; My wife was following me a few months later, I went down to the C.P.R. and said give me a ticket to Montreal and I'll pay the difference to get to Winnipeg. (Laughter) I thought that required an explanation!

Now Brethren, this Grand Lodge of Alberta of yours, in its years of formation, in its fifty years of activity, has pretty well followed the pattern and has paralleled the progress of this great Province of yours. Fifty years ago there was not much activity in this Province. Those of us who know our history know all about the Hudson Bay, all about this land and its inhabitancy in those days by the tribes of Indians and about the Canadian Mounted Police, who brought law and order to this country. You and I and others like us, know how this great land was advertised in Eastern Canada, because I still have a deed some place, that I purchased under some scheme of high-pressurism, to a lot many miles from a Post Office, I think probably in a place called Crocus Junction or maybe Gopher City. I still have that deed and I still haven't been able to find the location of that Community. That was one of the reasons, I suppose, why I came west. I want to tell you Brethren that this Grand Lodge of Alberta and this Province was built by men who had a vision. They had a faith in the future and somehow or other they knew that someday this land would come into its own. True it is not to be denied that the going was not always easy and the road was not always smooth and it is true that they must have had their trials and their troubles, but they were men of courage, men who had the will to do and eventually, by the sweat of their brow, literally, and by the strength of their hands they builded in this great Province of Alberta a real civilization and a real Grand Lodge of Freemasons.

There was no room in that world, fifty years ago, for men who had lost the will to do, for men who had no sense of responsibility, for men who figured that the Government owed them a living, for men who adopted the policy of the easy road, or for men, and there are so many of them unfortunately in these days, who willingly bartered their liberties for a something which they call Security, not knowing that the real security is a something based on integrity and character. Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, we, your visitors wish for you a glorious future. You are inheriting a grand and splendid heritage and may you, in the protecting of that heritage, bend your strength and your will to the protection of it. Remember, my Brethren that life and the world is just what we make it. We may be living, as M. W. Bro. Douglas has said, in rather fast moving times, we may be living in a sort of rat race today, but despite all these neuroticising influences, I say without contradiction that there never was a day in this world, when life was so well worth living as it is today. Never was there a time when there were so many opportunities for living the good life—the true life, so many opportunities for helping our fellow men and so many opportunities for putting to work the great principles of Freemasonry. Here in Alberta you have a great Province, a great country, you have a veritable little world of your own. Brethren of Alberta, make this your world, let it be a place in which every man in this Province will have the right to live and prosper. To have that right of happiness and those rights is worth a million dollars. Here is a place, My Brethren, of health and wealth and happiness and a place where every man can be a king, a king with his little subjects, in one of the finest castles of the world, in a Canadian

home, in a Canadian Province in this land of Alberta at the foothills of the Rockies. So, M. W. Grand Master, we and I as one of your visitors, congratulate this Grand Lodge upon its achievements and hope for it many happy days to come. May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford and may the genuine tenets and principles of our time honoured institution be transmitted through this Grand Lodge of Alberta and through its Constituent Lodges throughout all the generations, until time shall be no more. (Applause)

GRAND MASTER: Thank you M. W. Bro. Morgan. It is now my pleasure to call on M. W. Bro. the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to join in the response to this toast.

M. W. Bro. Stevens: M. W. Grand Master, Your Honour, Fellow-guests and Brethren. The previous speaker started off his talk this evening by saying that he came from British Columbia. Well I want to start by saying that I come from Nova Scotia, which of course, as you know, is New Scotland. That is the Province, of course, where we have a Flag, the only Provincial Flag in Canada, and of course the basis of that Flag is the St. Andrew's Cross. Then again, we are the only Province in Canada that has a tartan and so I came to Alberta, very smug in the idea that I was representing a type of Province not found anywhere else in Canada and I find to-day that the speakers are all Scottish, that the songs are all Scottish and I am quite convinced that we of Nova Scotia will have to look to our laurels and get some other form of distinction that we can safeguard better than that.

You have all experienced the situation in your Lodges and in other places, where a speaker will get on his feet and will express a very great surprise that he has been called upon to speak and will say that he had no idea he would be called upon and then proceed to make a lengthy speech that has been very well prepared for the occasion. That is not my case, but I must say to you, frankly and honestly that nobody told me that I was to respond to a toast to-night, and only a very few minutes ago I happened to look through my book a little more carefully than I had before and was much surprised to see my name there. However, it is not a difficult task to do, because responding to a toast of this kind doesn't require very many words, as long as the words that you speak are sincere. I want to say to you to-night that I am sincerely happy to be here, I esteem it a very great privilege to represent the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and to have been able to take part in the ceremonies. I was very happy to have been at the ceremonies this afternoon and of course, when you find men of the calibre of the former Governor General of Canada and your Lieutenant Governor and your Premier and your Mayor, who think it worth while to come into a meeting of that kind and to patronize it in the way they did to-day, then there is something well worth while behind it. Of course, Masonry being what it is, it is a well known fact to everybody what it means and what it stands for in the moral life of the community. To-night, even this gathering here is a tremendous inspiration and when I think that we have here, I am informed, somewhere between eight and nine hundred Masons, who are not here because they were coaxed to come and buy tickets, because I know for a fact many Masons in Edmonton for the last two or three days have been scurrying around hopelessly trying to buy tickets and

didn't know where to get them and I think that is a tremendous inspiration to your Grand Master and to your Grand Lodge and to all your other Lodges and it augers well for the success of Freemasonry.

Now I would say that the hospitality of Westerners is well known throughout the length and breadth of Canada and I have experienced it on this and on former visits. I know of no place where you find a finer spirit of hospitality that you do in the West, with the exception perhaps of the East. (Laughter) I may say that possibly a great deal of the hospitality which is dispensed in the West, is carried on by some of the Easterners that have come out here, because when my wife and I arrived back at our Hotel last night, we found a very beautiful bouquet of flowers in our room with a card from the 'Maritime Provinces Association', so you see I think perhaps we meet on common ground.

Now to get down to a more serious note, I do wish to bring greeting from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to you. Many years ago when M.W. Bro. Sam Harris was Grand Master I was selected to be the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in Nova Scotia and I continue to hold that position and I presume that is why the Grand Lodge asked me particularly to come out here to attend this function at this time. Of course I don't boast about it, because I am afraid that I have been a very poor Grand Representative, I have not carried out my duties, perhaps, as well as I might have. There may be an excuse for that because I have been mixed up in a great many other activities, which take a tremendous lot of time, but I have enjoyed it and I do receive your Bulletin regularly as it is issued. I find it most instructive and I think it will be a splendid thing for the younger Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction to have. I think it will put them right up on their toes. In concluding, I say to you, that I can see that Freemasonry is a most virile thing in this Province of Alberta. It has been exemplified here today, one does not have to have second sight to see it. I wish to extend the best wishes of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to you for future success. I know it is not necessary, because Masonry being what it is, it will go on and on as it has gone on and on in the past. The only thing is, as has been said formerly today, I think it is very important for you to choose wise leadership. When I was Grand Master I tried to sell the idea to the various Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction on the fact that the minute they elected an Inner Guard, they must look upon him as a potential Master. I thought that they should do that and then they would carry through a slate of officers who would be the type of men who would be sincere in their work and who would be able to impress the Brethren in their Lodge, and in the final analysis become good Masters and perhaps good Grand Masters. I have noticed the success of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and I hope for you all the best. (Applause)

GRAND MASTER: Brethren, we have one other visitor here to-night whom I am going to call on to say a few words, a visitor who gave up other appointments of a very significant nature to attend our gathering. I am sure you are all very pleased indeed to have His Honour the Lieutenant Governor with you and I am going to ask him to say just a word as a visitor to our Grand Lodge, a visitor who, I am sure you will agree with me, is always a very welcome one indeed. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta the Hon. Dr J. J. Bowlen.

The Hon. Dr. J. J. Bowlen; M. W. Grand Master, it is really getting

quite late and a word is all you have asked me to say so I shall be brief. I can assure you, Gentlemen, that this has been the most wonderful evening that I have ever spent anywhere, listening to a large delegation and several speakers. I followed your main speaker to-night very carefully, I think it was one of the finest addresses, broad, tolerant, friendly and the type of address that I always enjoy to hear. I congratulate you, Sir, on the splendid address you made. I am glad the gentleman from British Columbia realises that Alberta is such a prominent place, he got across the mountains but the main speaker got his start in Winnipeg and remained there. When I came from the East I stayed a year in Manitoba and it was a good year for me. My first employer did me a very good turn and I have been trying, in my small way ever since to pass on a good turn to somebody else.

There are many men in the audience to-night whom I have known for many years, some I have known for forty years, I do not know anyone outside your Craft who has a higher admiration for what you are doing than I. I think you are the greatest organization in the world, certainly in North America. Thousands of men and women are working, who would be in their graves if it were not for the Masonic Order. What I admire about you is your tolerance, your broadmindedness, I am no stranger to Masons, I am here to-night and I am not a Mason but I have known Masons for over fifty years, I have had the friendship and goodwill of Masons all my life and I am happy to be here to-night, because I know I have the goodwill of so many to-day. Some men make friends and hold them for a year or two, my great pride is that the men I knew when I came to this western country are still my friends and the majority of my best friends are among the Masons. You stand for everything that I stand for. You stand for the Brotherhood of man, I look upon every good man as a brother, I don't care what his race is, he can't help that; I don't care what his politics are, this is a democratic country and I don't care what his creed is, that's his right too. I think you stand for all that I stand for and that is why I am proud to be here and to have an opportunity of saying a few words to you, you are a wonderful organization and my only hope is that you will keep on as you have been doing, which I know you will. After hearing the speaker to-night give the foundation of the Order and how you have built up, year after year, and what he expects you to do in the future, I am satisfied that you will do just that, because you are built on solid, friendly objectives. My years of friendliness with the Masonic people have been a great inspiration to me and my hope is that I will always have their friendship and when my last days come, I hope there will be a lot of Masons at my funeral. (Applause)

GRAND MASTER: Thank you, Your Honour, for your words to this gathering to-night, I would like to assure you that the applause is not in connection with your funeral. (laughter)

Brethren, it is now my privilege to call on a very great friend of Alberta Freemasons, a friend of many years standing, a man who has made a magnificent contribution to Freemasonry in our sister jurisdiction of Saskatchewan, a man who has followed his beloved father in the office of Grand Secretary, each of them contributing illustrious service to Freemasonry in Saskatchewan. I now call on M.W. Bro. Bob Tate to propose the Toast to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M. W. Bro. Tate: M. W. Grand Master, Your Honour, Lieutenant Governor Bowlen and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I consider it a proud privilege to be present here on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Anniversary celebrations of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and a signal honour to have the opportunity of proposing the toast of the evening.

Freemasonry in Alberta and Saskatchewan has developed hand in hand, side by side, first as Lodges under the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba and then as sister Grand Lodges. We are jealous, we in Saskatchewan, very jealous of the close understanding and the affectionate friendship which exists between our two sister jurisdictions. Saskatchewan Freemasonry, on this occasion, salutes the Grand Lodge of Alberta on its Fiftieth Anniversary. There are occasions when we should glance back along the road that we have travelled, take stock of our immediate activities and lay lines and draw designs for the future. It is not my responsibility, nor is it my privilege, in proposing this toast, to review your history, to refer to the fine contribution that you are making today or to forecast the extent to which you will serve and grow in influence in the years that are ahead, that has been taken care of by other speakers. However, as one who was born and has lived his sixty years on these Prairies, as one who has been in contact with the rugged pioneers who settled these Prairies, as one whose father was the first Grand Junior Warden of the your sister Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, I want this evening to issue a challenge.

The challenge that I issue to you, my Brethren of Alberta, to-night is to bring back the spirit of the pioneer into your Freemasonry. The spirit that pleaded no excuse, save sickness or pressing emergencies, and that prompted Brethren, regularly each month, to travel twenty-five, thirty, forty, yes and even fifty miles by saddle horse, by buckboard, by cutter, to attend Lodge, to gain courage and inspiration from Masonic teachings and fellowship. The spirit that placed loyalty to Masonry second only to loyalty to Church and to the home. The spirit that overlooked problems and difficulties of the present and raised its eyes to that bright morning star of the future. The spirit that made the great teachings of Masonry a living reality and not a tape recording. Scripture tells us the story of Nehemiah directing the work of building under great difficulties, a story of every individual, prepared not only to work, but to defend the work against those who would destroy it. I suggest here this evening that we have a parallel in our pioneer development in the western Prairies, where every individual member of the Community worked in the building of a new country. No shirkers, no loafers, no educators, and no noisy advocates of Government paternalism, but each to the limit of his ability and each prepared to make sacrifices in the interests of all, each prepared to fight for the establishment of the way of life which we are enjoying today. In that spirit the foundations of Western Canadian Freemasonry were laid. In that spirit may you continue to grow and develop. In that spirit may your beacon light continue to guide your membership along the highway of individual freedom to the high objective of universal brotherhood. In that spirit, Brethren, I ask you to rise and drink a toast to the Grand Lodge of Alberta. (Applause)

GRAND MASTER: M. W. Bro. Tate, Your Honour, Honoured Guests, my Brethren. It is my privilege to-night to respond to the toast to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, so graciously proposed by our good friend

and Brother, M. W. Bro. Tate from the Grand jurisdiction of Saskatchewan. It is pleasing for us in Alberta to look back on half a century of the most pleasant relations with our neighbour, and when we gave thought as to who might propose the toast to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, our thoughts naturally dwelt upon M. W. Bro. Bob Tate and I am sure that all who are here tonight will agree that the selection was well made. While it may be considered a logical part of my duty to respond to the toast to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, of which I have the honour for the moment to be the Grand Master, I am not at all unmindful of the more extensive right, or the much more suitable response that might have been made by any one of a score of more experienced Brethren, who have preceded me in the office of Grand Master. I could wish, for instance, that M. W. Bro. Connacher, our senior Past Grand Master, had felt equal to the task or had felt agreeable to accepting the responsibility of the response to this Toast. The fact that M. W. Bro. Connacher is with us, however, to assist us in celebrating our Fiftieth Anniversary, is one that gives us a great deal of pleasure and a great deal of joy. Typical of the illustrious Brethren who have followed down through the years, M. W. Bro. Connacher breathes the very essence of Brotherhood, and his presence inspires us to go forward into the future, looking toward greater and greater accomplishments. With the dignity of his years, with the depth of his experience and with the impressive lesson of his contribution to this Grand Lodge and to our great Province, we venerate him, who in the early days of Freemasonry in Alberta gave leadership to the Craft, a leadership that has been imitated through the years and has made our Order a strong and virile organization in the life of our Province.

We have before us this evening in our Programs the likenesses of all who have occupied the position of Grand Master and to each of them, who have preceded me and to all who have given of their capabilities to forward the work of our Order, may I venture a word of thanks on behalf of all Freemasons in the Province of Alberta. The magnificence of their contribution will long remain in our hearts and our gratitude will be measurable only in the sincerity with which we approach our responsibilities in the future.

As we assemble today to pay tribute to Almighty God for the privilege of fifty years of service, our minds go back to those great souls who have been gathered to the lofty Temple of the Great Architect of the Universe and we see, as though through the mists, the long line of those whose voices are now silent. We deeply regret the fact that there are empty chairs, but we glory too in the knowledge that those who have passed to the great beyond, who have now gone from our midst, were imbued during their useful and fruitful lives with the spirit of the words of him who wrote:

‘Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man,
Beautiful calm, when the course is run,
Beautiful twilight, at set of sun,
Beautiful death, with a life well done.’

This Fiftieth Anniversary, this milestone on the path of time, insignificant by what may appear in relation to the generations that lie ahead, is an indication to us that we have been enabled to maintain

in some degree of unanimity and concord, the fraternity established throughout the Province by the forethought, the sincerity, the earnestness of our pioneer forebears, whose name should ever be emblazoned on the annals of Freemasonry in this great western land. As we joy in the accomplishments of the past, let us not fail to recognise the responsibilities of the future. We must not permit ourselves to rest upon the laurels of those, living and dead, who have broken the ground, who have builded the foundation, who have raised a superstructure perfect in its parts and honorable to the builder. This time of celebration, this time of jubilee, must also be for us a time of rededication and let us while time is yet in our favour, accept an admonition to be strong, an admonition to be faithful to all Brethren in Freemasonry, faithful to the great land in which we have our being and faithful to our God, by whose gentle favours we have all that for which we this day give thanks. Let us who join in joyous celebration tonight follow the dedicated lead of those who have gone before. Let us reach for broader opportunities to serve our fellows, to forward the great work of our Craft. To meet the unerring demands of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe.

We see in this fine gathering, a gathering of which I think we have a right to be proud, the snowy crowns of those who have given of their strength throughout the years, of those whose contribution has been a bulwark of progress and a bulwark of leadership. To them we accord our heartfelt thanks for all that they have done to broaden the power of Freemasonry for good. We pray that they may have Peace and Rest and Joy for all their days. We see in this gathering too, praise God, young men; young men with an aim to the future, young men in whom we must depend for leadership in the unseen years ahead. We know that with the example of their elder Brethren so fresh in their minds, the future of Freemasonry is in safe keeping. The task of leadership tomorrow is not going to be an easy one, the problems of an ever more intricate existence will demand ever increasing vigilance, ever increasing effort. Faced as we are today with the vast problem, inside and outside Freemasonry, we must needs re-iterate the words 'God give us men'. A time like this demands great hearts, strong minds through faith and ready hands. Ringing in our ears tonight, as we take our separate ways from the portals of this place, will be the inspiring words of M. W. Bro. Douglas, M. W. Bro. Blackstock and M. W. Bro. Tate, the words of our visitors, whom we have been so proud and so pleased to entertain on occasion of our Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. Words that have brought to us encouragement, words of hope and joy, but words, nevertheless, demanding a wholehearted and selfless rededication of all of our powers, if we are to press forward to greater things, if we are to make the accomplishments of the next half-century comparable with those of the last. The half century upon which we now rejoice must be the rock upon which you young men must build. As you go forward through the years, never forget that much of the privilege which is yours today has come down to you from generations of men, who were faithful to the long established principles of friendship, relief and brotherly love. Men who ever had in mind, as you must have, a deep sense of responsibility, a true appreciation of all the blessings that have been poured upon us from the horn of plenty. Be assured, as you progress through the years, that you will ever have the good wishes of your friends, you will have the prayers of your Brethren and always, if you but will, the guiding hand of a beneficent God.

My Brethren, as we celebrate tonight, I would like on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to express my deep thanks and the deep thanks of my Brethren, to all who have come here to assist us in celebrating this half-century of progress. I would like to thank our Speakers, I would like to thank the Brethren of the Edmonton Lodges who have been of such tremendous assistance to us. I would like to express my appreciation to the R. W. Grand Secretary, who has been unfailing in his efforts to make this meeting a success. To all of you who have come from far places to pay us a visit, we have a very deep sense of appreciation. As we mark our Fiftieth Anniversary, I can assure you that the Grand Lodge of Alberta will look forward, having in mind all that has been said to us to-day, with a measure of hope and success in the future, with a measure of hope that we may make our Grand Lodge of more and more value to members of our Fraternity and to members of our Community than we have been able to do in the past. I would like to thank all those who have assisted in making this meeting a success. Doubtless there are Brethren, incapacitated in our hospitals, confined to their homes, Brethren in our towns and cities and others on the very fringes of our broad frontiers who would fain have been with us today, to them we send greetings from this great gathering.

Now Brethren, to you all, may I add but a word of prayer—God be with you 'till we meet again'. (Applause.)

R. W. Bro. SHEPPARD, D.G.M.: Brethren we now come to the end of this Communication, will you rise and sing GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I will now call on M. W. Bro. the Rev. Peter Dawson, Immediate Past Grand Master, to offer a Benediction.

M. W. Bro. Rev. PETER DAWSON: May the Blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest and abide with us and all Brother Masons, now and forever more—Amen. SO MOTE IT BE.

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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 A. Lausen, P.G.St. S. E. Wood, P.D.D.G.M.

TUSCAN No. 43 — Killam

R. D. Murray W.M.
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 H. T. H. Roberts J. Shennan

BUFFALO PARK No. 44 — Wainwright

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	H. E. Buckle	

IONIC No. 45 — Alix

Not Represented.

PALESTINE No. 46 — Tofield

J. R. Moore	W.M.
V. J. Moos	S.W.

CHINOOK No. 47 — Cowley

Not Represented.

CROSSFIELD No. 48 — Crossfield

Not Represented.

ROBERT BURNS No. 49 — Carmangay

Not Represented.

COMET No. 50 — Hardisty

C. R. Baker

O. S. Martin

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D. McLean	W.M.
D. L. Francis	S.W.
H. Parsons	J.W.
A. S. Blackie, P.S.G.D.	G. McMillan
J. Booth, P.D.D.G.M.	G. T. McMurray
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W. F. Empey, P.G.M.	J. W. Stewart, P.G.D. of C.
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STRATHMORE No. 53 — Strathmore

Not Represented.

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	J. W. Rogers	

BASSANO No. 55 — Bassano

G. A. Simpson

BEAVER No. 56 — Castor

J. S. Irving, P.D.D.G.M.	W. O. Troyer	W.M.
H. S. Macartney, P.D.D.G.M.	A. Wilkie	

GRASSY LAKE No. 57 — Grassy Lake

Not Represented.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN No. 58 — Cardston

W. Betts, P.D.D.G.M.

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ACME No. 60 — Acme

J. C. Smith, P.D.D.G.M.

PROVOST No. 61 — Provost

G. F. Smith W.M.

E. H. M. Poole S.W.

R. P. Biggs

R. S. Winter

MELROSE No. 62 — Bawlf

H. J. Driedger

F. E. A. McCrea

EMPIRE No. 63 — Edmonton

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H. Fidler

L. B. Adams, P.G.St.

F. G. L. Mitchell, G.St.

M. J. Brodie, P.G.St.

D. A. Thomson

D. Clayton, P.G.O.

F. Tomlinson

G. Edgecombe, P.D.D.G.M.

BOW ISLAND No. 64 — Bow Island

P. W. Edlund W.M.

O. H. Cooper

DIAMOND CITY No. 65 — Coalhurst

O. E. Loucks W.M.

ST. ANDREW'S No. 66 — Trochu

P. L. Newman W.M.

J. Stankieveh J.W.

G. V. Cranston

W. T. Paterson

CHARITY No. 67 — Lethbridge

R. Dayman

EDSON No. 68 — Edson

J. T. Garvie W.M.

R. C. Gregg S.W.

G. T. Harrison

J. Thomson, P.D.D.G.M.

G. M. Maclean, P.D.D.G.M.

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J. H. Roddick J.W.

J. Finnemore, P.D.D.G.M.

F. B. Reishus

QUARRY No. 70 — Redcliff

H. G. Sheasby

TAWATINAW No. 71 — Athabasca

F. L. Falconer S.W.

L. A. M. Noddings J.W.

H. Wilt

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A. T. Ritchie W.M.
W. A. Lamrock

BROOKS No. 73 — Brooks

W. G. Campbell W.M.
C. T. Schon, P.D.D.G.M.

VULCAN No. 74 — Vulcan

A. Q. Cutforth W.M.
D. D. McQueen, J.G.W.

HARMONY No. 75 — Sedgewick

U. R. Shogren W.M.

FIDELITY No. 76 — Bashaw

F. E. Way W.M.
B. W. Holt, D.D.G.M. S. L. Read

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A. F. Brigley S.W.
M. M. Downey, P.G.M. G. E. H. Smith
H. W. Hunter E. P. Wood
P. Hunter M. Yaffe

HANNA No. 78 — Hanna

M. Baldwin W.M.

MORNING STAR No. 79 — Lougheed

L. W. Reed

EXCELSIOR No. 80 — Strome

H. V. Phipps, P.D.D.G.M.

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C. Cormick W. W. Pattison, P.J.G.D.
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ACADIA No. 82 — Youngstown

H. M. McDonald

ZETLAND No. 83 — Calgary

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O. C. Smith, P.D.D.G.M. H. B. Macdonald, P.G.M.

CHAMPION No. 84 — Champion

E. Rhodes, Jr. W.M.
J. H. Buchan, D.D.G.M. P. Dawson, P.G.M.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN No. 86 — Blairmore

R. B. Burgman W.M.
S. G. Bannan, S.G.W.

CRESCENT No. 87 — Calgary

R. Alexandre	W.M.
D. H. Cooke	J.W.
W. J. Banks, P.G.St.	A. D. McGregor
F. S. Bird, D.D.G.M.	C. E. Pinnell
J. M. Bodie	R. C. Stevenson
L. J. Daniels	

WAHPUN No. 88 — High Prairie

J. L. Wolfe	W.M.
S. Harris, P.G.M.	H. H. Reynolds
A. Peart	

PEACE RIVER No. 89 — Peace River

C. W. Campsall, P.D.D.G.M.	W. V. F. Davis
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NORWOOD No. 90 — Edmonton

W. I. Davidson	W.M.
V. T. Young	J.W.
R. L. Barson	F. A. Smith
L. O. Sanders	H. G. Sorenson

PATRICIA No. 91 — Edmonton

E. M. Galbraith	W.M.
H. Cuthbert	S.W.
C. H. McElheran	J.W.
E. M. Beckwith, P.D.D.G.M.	G. Kilgour, P.D.D.G.M.
G. Blyth	D. D. Penman, P.D.D.G.M.
W. Davies	H. W. Taylor, P.D.D.G.M.
M. S. Eby, P.G.D. of C.	

SASKATCHEWAN No. 92 — Edmonton

F. M. Andrews	W.M.
W. B. Crawford	S.W.
E. A. Dickout	J.W.
A. F. Coburn	M. A. McIntyre, P.D.D.G.M.
M. M. Downey, P.G.M.	W. G. Scott
W. Freifield, P.G.St.	W. L. Sharp
C. G. Havard, P.D.D.G.M.	W. Winkelaar

SYMBOL No. 93 — Drumheller

T. W. Forshner	W.M.
W. A. Irving, P.G.P.	W. A. MacCrimmon, D.D.G.M.

LAMONT No. 94 — Lamont

R. H. Shears, P.D.D.G.M.
F. Shears

KITCHENER No. 95 — Rimbey

A. E. Freeman	W.M.
R. E. Hales	J. W. Rogers
F. W. Hansen	

DYNAMIC No. 96 — Holden

B. G. Budd	W.M.
S. Black	S.W.
L. Grosland	J.W.
N. L. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M.	R. Mulcaster

ALBION No. 97 — Chauvin

C. C. McKechnie, P.D.D.G.M.

HAND HILL No. 98 — Delia

G. M. Hewson, D.D.G.M.

CENTURY No. 100 — Milk River

J. R. Graham W.M.

WEST EDMONTON No. 101 — Edmonton

J. A. McAuley W.M.

W. E. Baker	R. T. Martins
W. E. Briggs, P.D.D.G.M.	A. T. Pötter, P.D.D.G.M.
G. Calder	W. F. Quilley
W. R. Horner, P.G.P.	D. T. Ritchie
A. C. Johnston	W. Ruff, P.J.G.D.

EDGERTON No. 102 — Edgerton

Not Represented.

FOREMOST No. 103 — Foremost

R. R. Wallman W.M.

OYEN No. 104 — Oyen

W. A. Cunningham, P.D.D.G.M.	C. Wilson
W. A. Heiden	

GRANDE PRAIRIE No. 105 — Grande Prairie

I. W. McIntosh S.W.

A. M. Carlisle	J. F. Putters, P.G.St.
W. J. N. Leslie, P.G.St.	J. M. Smart, P.G.D. of C.
D. W. Patterson, P.D.D.G.M.	

LAKE SASKATOON No. 106 — Wembley

D. A. Patrick W.M.

W. L. McCordick	R. S. Young
R. E. Newcom, D.D.G.M.	

CARBON No. 107 — Carbon

A. Hoivik, P.D.D.G.M.

NOBLEFORD No. 111 — Nobleford

W. H. Kane, P.D.D.G.M.

CYPRUS No. 113 — Three Hills

L. G. Howe W.M.

R. W. Meston S.W.

R. L. Dau J.W.

O. J. Cowin, P.D.D.G.M. W. Harte, P.D.D.G.M.

WESTLOCK No. 114 — Westlock

P. Haydamack W.M.

W. M. Smith S.W.

CROCUS No. 115 — Chinook

C. A. Peterson W.M.
 W. W. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M.

SPIRIT RIVER No. 116 — Spirit River

D. A. Blackie J. M. Fildes, P.D.D.G.M.

DOMINION No. 117 — Edmonton

A. A. Sollanych W.M.
 G. T. F. Maher S.W.
 W. W. Harlan J.W.
 E. Foster L. L. Lister, P.D.D.G.M.
 D. F. Hart A. T. Nixon
 W. S. Kent, D.D.G.M.

ST. MARK'S No. 118 — Calgary

W. E. Vanner, P.G.St.

YORK No. 119 — Lethbridge

E. A. Lawrence W.M.
 J. S. White S.W.

MONITOR No. 120 — Consort

R. R. Annett

ROCKYFORD No. 123 — Rockyford

H. W. Roppel W.M.
 W. T. Bensted S.W.

CONCORD No. 124 — Calgary

G. Dingwall W.M.
 R. W. Austin W. C. McRoberts, P.G.O.
 G. F. Ellis, P.G.M.

CAVELL No. 125 — Delburne

J. P. English, P.D.D.G.M.

PEMBINA No. 126 — Sangudo

R. A. Conrad W. G. Lewis, D.D.G.M.

GRANITE No. 127 — Blackie

G. W. Laycraft W.M.
 E. H. Johnson

FORESTBURG No. 128 — Forestburg

H. Farvolden, P.D.D.G.M. A. F. Lissack, D.D.G.M.
 J. W. Graham

MERIDIAN No. 129 — Stony Plain

G. Carmichael W.M.
 L. H. Norman S.W.
 T. D. McKinley W

KITSCOTY No. 131 — Kitscoty

C. W. Boyce L. G. Perks W.M.
E. A. Meiklejohn

CRAIGMYLE No. 132 — Craigmyle

F. G. Thompson H. Grott J.W.

MANYBERRIES No. 133 — Manyberries

Not Represented.

RENFREW No. 134 — Calgary

A. D. Cumming, P.G.M.
P. J. Timms

W. O. Toone
W. H. Harper, P.G.R.

ALLIANCE No. 135 — Alliance

J. W. Bateman W.M.
P. R. Elliott, P.D.D.G.M.

CRESSET No. 136 — Barons

	H. G. Annable	W.M.
	R. P. Barber	S.W.
R. Kotkas		C. B. Nelson, P.S.G.D.

IRRICANA No. 137 — Irricana

L. W. Bond, P.G.M. F. J. Pearce, G.T.
A. W. Longson, P.D.D.G.M.

ONOWAY No. 138 — Onoway

I. S. Livingstone J. W. Turnbull J.W.

BIG VALLEY No. 140 — Big Valley

F. Dewar, P.G.St. C. Thompson

EFFICIENCY No. 141 — Hughenden

R. B. Hughes W. G. Mitchell J.W.
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IVANHOE No. 142 — Edmonton

	B. F. L. Symes	W.M.
	R. Johnson	S.W.
	B. L. Robinson	J.W.
W. M. Atkin		A. P. Limrick
J. Carmichael		C. M. Macleod, P.S.G.D.
C. E. Garnett, P.D.D.G.M.		W. L. Mitchell
A. E. Gudmundson		W. C. Stillman
F. J. Kavanagh, P.G.R.		

JASPER PARK No. 143 — Jasper

F. A. Patterson W.M.

GRATTON No. 144 — Irma

H. C. Nissen W.M.
 E. C. Prior S.W.
 C. S. Smallwood, D.D.G.M.

ST. ALBAN'S No. 145 — St. Paul

F. G. Miller, P.D.D.G.M. F. W. J. Weder
 W. E. Gullion, P.C.St.

DRUMHELLER No. 146 — Drumheller

A. W. Greene W.M.
 J. L. Adie S.W.
 C. R. Urch J.W.
 W. H. Anderson, P.D.D.G.M. A. B. Hunter

NORTHLAND No. 147 — Fairview

L. French W.M.
 C. E. Eklund J.W.
 A. Richardson

MAYERTHORPE No. 148 — Mayerthorpe

W. H. Heye A. M. Loucks
 E. J. Holbrook, G.St.

LOCHEARN No. 151 — Rocky Mountain House

W. J. Kirby, P.D.D.G.M.

STANDARD No. 152 — Standard

O. Christensen J.W.
 N. F. Watson

WHITECOURT No. 153 — Whitecourt
Not Represented.**WASKATENAU No. 154 — Waskatenau**

J. Bielish S.W.

HYTHE No. 156 — Hythe

S. F. McLeod W.M.
 R. A. Pearson J.W.
 C. C. Henderson, P.C.St. W. J. Oakford

SHARON No. 157 — Picture Butte
Not Represented.**BERRY CREEK No. 158 — Pollockville**
Not Represented.**LUCERNE No. 159 — Vauxhall**
Not Represented.**SEXSMITH No. 160 — Sexsmith**

J. D. MacPhail W.M.
 J. Pondick S.W.
 C. R. Gathercole, P.C.St.

EMPRESS No. 161 — Empress

N. W. Russell W.M.
 M. E. Russell S.W.

YELLOWKNIFE No. 162 — Yellowknife

Not Represented

ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 163 — Mirror

Not Represented

GATEWAY No. 164 — Edmonton

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J. Johnston S.W.

G. Reid J.W.

R. E. Parton

H. Chowne
L. R. Lauder**CANADA No. 165 — Calgary**

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H. D. Fawcett

EVERGREEN No. 166 — Edmonton

N. A. Wellar W.M.

F. S. Jenne S.W.

P. Jones, P.D.D.G.M.

F. H. Walker

C. C. McKechnie, P.D.D.G.M.

TEMPLE No. 167 — Edmonton

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G. A. Treacy J.W.

D. Little, P.G.D. of C.

J. A. Tupper

H. Bertles
G. H. Clark
E. G. Ellerton**HIGHLANDS No. 168 — Edmonton**

G. F. Hendry W.M.

A. D. Mansell S.W.

I. P. Rafuse J.W.

H. E. Wallbank

G. H. Abram

W. H. Scott, P.D.D.G.M.

ST. GEORGE'S No. 169 — Elk Point

P. Petrosky W.M.

F. G. Miller, P.D.D.G.M.

R. J. Tredger

AVON GLEN No. 170 — Edmonton

K. L. Crockett W.M.

C. Sinclair, D.D.G.M.

H. W. Gerrard

G. P. Puffer, P.D.D.G.M.

G. B. Windwick

BARRHEAD No. 171 — Barrhead

A. Oulton W.M.

W. R. Keir S.W.

D. A. Browne J.W.

MILO No. 172 — Milo

Not Represented.

JUBILEE U.D. — Calgary

J. T. Clarke W.M.

J. W. Stewart, P.G.D. of C.

There were 61 MASTER MASONS present.

FIRST DAY

MORNING SESSION

The Members having assembled in the Lodge Room — The Auditorium of the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, Alberta — and the Grand Officers having assumed their stations, the M.W. The Grand Master M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, was escorted to the East by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. W. J. Hamilton, (124) and assumed the gavel. The M.W. The Grand Master, being advised that a constitutional number of Lodges were in attendance, the Fifty-first Annual Communication was then opened in AMPLE FORM at 9.10 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, The Hon. Dr. J. J. Bowlen, was introduced by M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald.

The Grand Master: Your Honour, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, it is a great pleasure for us to extend to you a most cordial welcome. It seems to me that you are no longer a visitor but actually a part of this Grand Lodge, and you may be sure we have been pleased to have you coming here in recent years and we are pleased to have you with us this morning. I can assure you that we are pleased to have you with us not only as Her Majesty's representative in this province, but because of your affiliation and association with members of this gathering. We are more than pleased to have you with us and on behalf of this gathering we extend you a most cordial welcome and would ask you, Sir, to come up and take a seat by my side.

His Worship the Mayor of the City of Edmonton, Bro. Wm. Hawrelak, was introduced by M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey.

R.W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Johnston, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M. in the Province of Ontario, was introduced by M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith.

M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. was introduced by M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson.

M.W. Bro. J. H. Cuddington, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. was introduced by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.

R.W. Bro. J. McCormick, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Dakota, A.F. & A.M. was introduced by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley.

R.W. Bro. J. P. Reidemer of the Grand Lodge of Montana, A.F. & A.M. was introduced by M.W. Bro. L. W. Bond.

R.W. Bro. C. S. Elliott of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, A.F. & A.M., was introduced by M.W. Bro. Peter Dawson.

The Distinguished Visitors having been introduced and welcomed by the M.W. The Grand Master, they were received with Grand Honours.

Flag Ceremony

The ceremony of the presentation of the Union Jack was carried out by Bro. Sgt. W. J. Huget (87) R.C.M.P. in a very impressive manner.

Grand Master: Your Honour as I mentioned a few moments ago, we are more than pleased that you have honoured us with your presence this morning and I now invite you to address the members assembled.

His Honour Dr. J. J. Bowlen: (who was received with prolonged applause). Members of the Masonic Order. I count it a great privilege to visit your annual gathering and to convey to you the greetings of my office. I have been coming here for many years, in fact I have only missed one year since I assumed this office. I look forward to seeing many old friends, I have been associated with many of you for more than forty years and count the Masons of Alberta amongst my best friends. I must say that of all the people I have met in my lifetime and I have been knocking around a good bit, I find the Masons to be very fine people, tolerant, broadminded and true friends, it has been a real privilege for me to have been associated with many of you.

Now you have a very busy schedule this morning and I won't keep you, I shall be leaving very shortly for a visit to the Old Country and shall be honoured by visiting Buckingham Palace to meet our Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I wish you well in your deliberations and trust that I shall have the pleasure of visiting with you next year. This is one of the invitations that I look forward to receiving. (Loud applause).

The Grand Master: Your Honour, I know the Brethren will join me in requesting you to extend to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. the assurance of the continued loyalty of this Grand Lodge and of every Freemason in the Jurisdiction. We shall look forward to having you with us again next year. (Applause).

The Grand Master: Brethren, it is now my pleasure to call on the Mayor of our host city of Edmonton. We have noted with pleasure and much satisfaction the activities of members of Our Order in Civic Office. Bro. William Hawrelak has been Mayor of Edmonton, a successful Mayor, for several years and I now have pleasure in calling upon His Worship, Mayor William Hawrelak.

Mayor Hawrelak: There are several reasons, of course, why it is a special delight for me to come here. One of course, is that I am a brother of the organization, and by being a brother of the fraternity, I hope I know something of the objectives of Freemasonry. Another good reason why I always look forward to speaking to Freemasonry is because it is an old fraternity, because it is ancient, because it is free, and when you think of the importance of a fraternal organization being old and ancient, then it immediately requires some thought as to what makes the organization live, because generally through a process of time organizations have a tendency to disintegrate. But here is the Grand Lodge of Alberta, celebrating its 51st convocation, being a part and parcel of the Grand Lodges of the world. In 1717, almost three hundred years ago, the Grand Lodge of England was formed. We here, celebrating our 51st anniversary, are comparatively young and new, when you think of the Grand Lodge in England being in existence for some 300 years and Freemasonry being in existence for many years prior to that, then it forces us to think as to what makes this organization live, and what makes it stronger from year to year.

Well, I think that the objectives of the fraternity are the reasons why the organization is strong and remains strong and why it continues to be strong and continues stronger from year to year. Quite frankly, what better precept can a man have than to have that, of respecting the dignity of his fellow man? It was a great poet who wrote when he said, "O Lord, give me the right to speak, give me the right to worship, give me the right to assemble with others, and above all give me the right to argue. Having given me these rights, You have given me life." What does all

that mean? How can you have the right to speak and to argue and assemble and have freedom to worship, if you do not respect the dignity of man? That to me is the most important objective Freemasonry has to offer because it does respect the dignity of man.

It is in the laws of Freemasonry where everyone is on the same plane, on the same level — the King, being a member of Freemasonry, exchanges for the time that he is in the Lodge the sceptre for the precept that we are all equal, because we respect the dignity of man.

But we go one step further. We also believe in a common cause. And so because of these things I think that our organization, our fraternity, has not only lived and become stronger, but has a right to live, and ought to live and become stronger.

But, as Freemasons, I think we have a further responsibility, and that is outside and beyond the Lodge, a responsibility to make certain that these precepts that make us live are applied to everyday life when we come in contact with men and women who may or may not be Freemasons. That I think is a requirement of our modern world today, that is a requirement of the world where men and women have lived in the past, and I am sure that more so today than before it becomes an essential requirement to attain the good common understanding and friendship that this world requires.

Now I might mention something about my trip over to the United Kingdom. There is nothing that gave me a greater thrill than to be able to see and connect with the history that I had heard, some of those ancient and old places where some of these things that we think of and speak of as freedom have been forged on the anvil of life itself over generations of the past. Some of these things which only history can bring to our attention, those of us who have not had the opportunity to see them for ourselves. But how important it is for me as a Canadian, being born here, a young man, having learned these things in history books, to go back and say — here, five, six, seven hundred years ago, the men and women of the day had certain objectives for the future and for themselves and here is what they have done to make certain that we, in 1956, can say "Lord give me the right to speak, give me the right to worship, the right to assemble, and above all give me the right to argue, and when You have given me these things, You have given me life."

Gentlemen, I know that this is the objective of your convocation here, that not only are you going to make certain that your deliberations are going to make it possible for the fraternal organization to live but you are going to make it possible for it to live strongly, and to this dedication, which I am sure is yours, I as a fellow Brother of your Fraternity lend every assistance I can and extend to you every good wish for that objective. (Applause).

The Honourable Dr. J. J. Bowlen and His Worship Bro. William Hawrelak then retired.

SERVICE OF PRAISE

The Choir of members of the Edmonton Lodges, under the direction of Bro. Peter J. Delicate (77) V.W. Grand Organist then rendered the Anthem 'Bow Down Thine Ear O Lord'.

The members assembled were led in prayer by M.W. Bro. the Rev. Peter Dawson (84) acting Grand Chaplain.

All members joined in singing Hymn No. 514 in the United Church Hymnary, 'These Things Shall Be'.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives of the Sister Jurisdictions then answered Roll-Call as shown in the attendance Register and on their behalf M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88) Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England extended the greetings and felicitations to the M.W. The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The M.W. The Grand Master expressed the thanks of the Grand Lodge and requested each representative to communicate with the Grand Lodge he represented and convey the warm fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge together with a brief report of the proceedings.

MINUTES

Grand Secretary: M.W. Grand Master, the minutes of the last Annual Communication and the Minutes of the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration have been printed and distributed to all Constituent Lodges. I will move, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. Black (14) that they be taken as having been read. Carried.

TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Grand Secretary read the following Telegrams and letters of greeting:

The M.W. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, A.F. & A.M.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

The M.W. The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Oregon.

The M.W. The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Wisconsin.

R.W. Bro. J. Russell Oliver, Grand Representative for Alberta near the Grand Lodge of B.C.

M.W. Bro. J. Watson Young, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. J. Martland, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, P.G.M., also conveying the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Messages of regret at inability to be present from the following:

R.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder, D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

R.W. Bro. H. McPhail, D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

R.W. Bro. R. F. Anderson.

R.W. Bro. F. Whitfield.

R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan, Grand Chaplain.

R.W. Bro. C. H. Westmore.

R.W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery.

R.W. Bro. R. F. Lawrence.

W. Bro. E. C. Bennett.

R.W. Bro. T. H. Hatch.

V.W. Bro. C. A. Thorp.

The Grand Master directed that suitable acknowledgement of the communications from Sister Jurisdictions be made.

The Grand Master's Address

To: The Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.
Brethren:

To me today is granted a privilege which is approached with mixed feelings of humility and pride; humility when I think back over the years and am able to recognize, with greater clarity now than ever before, the sterling contribution that has been made to the welfare of Freemasonry in the Province of Alberta by a series of illustrious men who have preceded me in the office of Grand Master, humility when I think of the great trust that has been reposed in me by the members of the Order of Freemasonry, humility when I endeavor to assess my own contribution in the light of the magnificent examples which I have had before me in the past twelve months; but pride when I contemplate the unfailing courtesies that have been tendered me in every section of our vast Province, not only by members of the Fraternity but by members of the community in which Freemasonry has established an enviable reputation for an unqualified belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, for a never ending delight in the practice of charity and for the right of every citizen to pursue his own religious and personal beliefs without let or hindrance.

In the past year I have been privileged to journey from one end of the Grand Jurisdiction to the other, to carry the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and its members to several of our sister jurisdictions in Canada and the United States, to have attended conferences of considerable moment within and without the Province, to have fraternized briefly with men of stature, Masonic and otherwise, in the capital City of Washington and prior to my accession to the office of Grand Master, to have had the unusual honor of representing the Masons of Alberta at the official opening and dedication of a splendid Temple of Freemasonry in Havana, Cuba, where members of the Order on a virtually universal scale assembled to join in ceremonies which clearly indicated the true Masonic significance, despite the fact that the dedication ceremonies were conducted in a tongue foreign to our own.

The unusual opportunities thus given to me served but to enhance my love for the Craft, to enlarge my understanding of the philosophy of Freemasonry and broaden my appreciation of the universality of the science. It has been my hope that the broadening experiences might re-act to the benefit of the Craft and in this respect I can only leave it for the future to properly assess my stewardship.

Being firmly convinced that it would be to the mutual advantage of Grand Lodge and the constituent Lodge to have closer relations established between the two I have endeavored to pay visits, official and unofficial, to Lodges throughout the Province and it is my belief that the visits were appreciated in no small measure and that some advance has been made in cementing relations between the Provincial and local bodies. Such organized visits add considerably to the duties of the office of Grand Master, but they add, too, to understanding of mutual problems and tend to break down barriers which, while they have existed in large measure in imagination only, tend to weaken the structure of our Order by creating some lack of that co-operation which is so vital to an unqualified and unfettered fellowship.

On every single occasion when special visits have been arranged, attendance at the meetings has been excellent and inasmuch as in most instances I was accompanied by the Grand Secretary it was possible to discuss matters of inter-office importance, to improve the quality of adherence to the ritual and to offer some food for thought on the part of all concerned. In an endeavour to personally contact as many Lodges as possible an experiment of an afternoon and an evening meeting on the same day was introduced in the case of Kitchener Lodge at Rimbey and Lochearn Lodge at Rocky Mountain House; the afternoon meeting drew an attendance of approximately 150% of the membership, interesting discussions were carried into channels which produced much of value and the most cordial relations were effected between representatives of Grand Lodge and the local group. Similarly the evening meeting at Lochearn Lodge at Rocky Mountain House was well attended and produced results which were gratifying indeed. While it is realized that attendance at two meetings in a single day places heavy demands upon the officers concerned, it is suggested that special consideration be given in the future to the urgency and value of closer and closer contact.

It was pleasing to me to have been able to visit the following Lodges during the year:— Perfection, Strathcona, Joppa, Fort MacLeod, Red Deer, Kenilworth, Kitchener, Lochearn, Empire, Dominion, Avon Glen, Bow River, Acacia, Saskatchewan, Patricia, Unity, Lamont, Norwood, St. Georges, Kitscoty, St. Albans, Hope, Vermilion, St. Johns, Empress and Lethbridge where the Brethren were good enough to hold a joint meeting of the four City Lodges to enable me to enjoy the opportunity of meeting the members, a similar plan having been previously followed in Red Deer where the two city Lodges amalgamated for the purpose of my visit. In a number of instances I enjoyed the company of Past Grand Masters and others, whose presence added much to the pleasure of the meeting and contributed in no small way to the genuine success of the meeting. A scheduled meeting for Big Valley was necessarily cancelled due to road conditions.

During the year it was my pleasure to attend and perhaps to offer some small assistance in the institution of Jubilee Lodge U. D. in the City of Calgary where the formation of new Lodges has not kept pace with the rapid growth of this thriving city; the efforts of the Brethren chiefly concerned were crowned with success as fifty members, a considerable number of them previously unaffiliated with any Calgary Lodge, placed their names on the application for Charter and were thus given first hand interest in the new unit in the chain of Lodges. The Charter members evince the keenest interest and I venture to predict a fine future for this new Lodge.

Doubtless encouraged to some extent by the quite apparent success of the start of Jubilee Lodge, a second group almost immediately began the necessary steps for the organization of the second new Lodge in Calgary and on April 13th I appreciated an opportunity to assist in the Institution of Foothills Lodge U.D. when indications pointed clearly to a second most successful effort; composed largely of younger men, Foothills Lodge will doubtless make a worth while contribution to the Masonry of the coming years.

Realizing the urgent necessity for additional Masonic facilities in the Capital City of Edmonton, an enthusiastic group of members have undertaken the formation of a third new Lodge which is to bear the name Exemplar; as this report is written the initial steps have been taken and it is proposed to have the Lodge instituted on June 12th, immediately prior to the annual communication of Grand Lodge. While three addition-

al Lodges in the year points to some accomplishment, it is my feeling that there is ample opportunity for a very considerably broadened service to Freemasonry by members who are desirous of tendering that service and with the rapid expansion of our larger cities it is evident that membership in existing Lodges cannot fully meet the needs of our Fraternity of the future. I cannot too strongly urge that those possessed of capabilities for organization might well undertake the formation of further Lodges in the immediate future and I am confident that those who will be charged with the responsibility of Grand Lodge guidance and assistance will be only too eager to offer their co-operation.

During my term of office I was privileged to attend Bassano Lodge for the purpose of joining with the membership in officially opening a new Masonic Temple, erected to replace the former building which had been destroyed in a disastrous fire some months previously; evincing unusual interest and efficiency the members of Bassano Lodge No. 55 began to plan their new building almost as soon as the ashes of the fire had begun to cool and it speaks well indeed for the spirit of Freemasonry in that District that a fine new building was soon ready for occupancy and is now adequately serving the needs of the membership. With the fine spirit displayed in planning and in the execution of their plans there will be general satisfaction and I am sure that all Brethren in the Jurisdiction will join me in extending congratulations and the best wishes for the future.

ANNIVERSARIES

During my term as Grand Master it was given to me to preside at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the ceremonies being held in the City of Edmonton on October 14th, 1955. Arrangements were under the capable direction of a Committee with M. W. Bro. H. E. Howard as Chairman and the following members M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, M. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, M. W. Bro. H. B. MacDonald; it was my privilege to serve on this Committee in view of the fact that it would logically fall to me to preside at the several sessions and ceremonies.

Immediately following the marking of the important Anniversary, it was decided by the Finance Committee to print a special issue of the Proceedings, outlining the manner in which our first half century of progress had been marked; the detailed report of the celebration forms part of the general Proceedings which will be published following the forthcoming session of Grand Lodge and it is felt that it is unnecessary to further detail the report of this important milestone at this time.

I do wish, however to take this opportunity to express my most sincere thanks to M. W. Bro. Howard and the members of the Committee to the Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, to the Masters, Warden and Deacons Association of Edmonton, the Officers of the Edmonton Masonic Temple Association, the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan, Bro. Peter Delicate, Grand Organist who trained a choir, together with the members of the choir which gave such splendid leadership in the musical portions of the ceremonies, Bro. W. J. Hamilton who so effectively acted as Director of Ceremonies, to the Brethren who conducted the Flag Ceremony and to all others who so ably and freely assisted in making the celebrations of the anniversary such a decided success.

I would be remiss in my duty if I were to fail to express the thanks of Grand Lodge and my personal appreciation to M. W. Bro. Blackstock for his stirring address during the afternoon session, to M. W. Bro. William Douglas, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba who thrilled the large assembly at the banquet meeting with his delightful

address and to all who so graciously assisted by proposing or responding to toasts or delivering addresses appropriate to the occasion. To the membership of the Order at large I pay tribute for their magnificent support and assistance, for their generous response to the invitation to attend. It has been a matter of the greatest satisfaction to me to have heard kindly and generous comment on an occasion which marked a truly great event in the history of Freemasonry in Alberta, an event which, I am sure, will long remain in the minds and hearts of all who were privileged to attend.

Certainly the presence at our Anniversary sessions of such distinguished individuals as the Honourable Dr. John J. Bowlen, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, Right Worshipful Brother Earl Alexander of Tunis, representing the Grand Lodge of England, The Honourable E. C. Manning, Premier of our Province, Mayor William Hawrelak of the City of Edmonton and an unusual number of outstanding members of the Fraternity from widely scattered areas of Canada and the United States lent much of dignity to the proceedings and served as an indication that the Grand Lodge of Alberta had gone, hand in hand with the development of our greatly favored Province through the first half century of joint progress.

The Service of Thanksgiving, so ably formulated and conducted by our Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. W. H. Morgan adequately expressed our thanks to Almighty God for guidance and moral support through the years.

It naturally follows that with Grand Lodge celebrating Fifty Years of Masonic service in the Province that individual Lodges which were in existence prior to the formation of Grand Lodge would also be in a position to mark their first half century and it was a delight to me to have been able to attend anniversary services in Britannia Lodge No. 18 at Ponoka, held just prior to the annual Conference of Western Canadian Lodges at Banff in September last; the Worshipful Master and his officers, assisted by a large attendance of members suitably noted the historic occasion. An unusual circumstance in connection with this fine meeting was the attendance of M. W. Bro. Merle Kidder, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota; M. W. Bro. Robert Emmett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, both of whom graciously undertook the journey to Ponoka while en route to Banff, and of our own Past Grand Masters in the persons of M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, M. W. Bro. W. A. Henry and M. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson. The presence of these distinguished officers was most pleasing to the members of Britannia Lodge and added much of dignity and pleasure to an already important meeting.

In April of this year further lustre was added to the pleasure of my duties when I was able to be with the members of Carstairs Lodge No. 20, when they paid tribute to the able and farseeing Brethren who had caused Carstairs to come into being. The carefully planned programme was effectively carried out and a most impressive feature of their ceremonies was the presentation of a Bible to each member of Carstairs Lodge of record at the time of the meeting; this unusual and eminently fitting departure lent more and more dignity to an already well prepared programme and it is certain that the Fiftieth Anniversary of Carstairs Lodge was well and truly marked.

On October 18th, 1955, the Brethren of Perfection Lodge No. 9, Calgary, with Past Masters occupying the various chairs, enjoyed the pleasing opportunity of celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of the for-

mation of the Lodge; having accepted an invitation to be present I was most impressed with the serious and sincere manner in which they carried the gathering back to the early days of Freemasonry in the frontier area of what was to become the Province of Alberta and traced the history of the Lodge through the years to the present day. The historical register of this fine Lodge reveals that many noteworthy Masons had their early contacts with Freemasonry in Perfection Lodge; included in the number was the then Senior Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. William Murray Connacher, to whom, on an earlier occasion I had the honour, on behalf of the Lodge to present a beautiful silver tray to mark M. W. Bro. Connacher's personal sixty years as a member of the Order.

Vermilion Lodge, of which I have the honour to be a member, celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of its formation on June 6th 1956 and it was my pleasure to preside at the afternoon and evening sessions; this rather unusual privilege was given me in deference to the fact that I had been Worshipful Master of this Lodge on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary in 1931. M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith delivered a most impressive address and the Service of Thanksgiving was conducted by R. W. Bro. K. C. MacLeod, Past Grand Chaplain and a pioneer citizen of the Vermilion area. The sessions were held in the fine setting of the Provincial School of Agriculture and a large representation from Lodges of Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan was in attendance.

During the afternoon R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman of Patricia Lodge, Edmonton presented Vermilion Lodge with a fine set of gavels and it was my pleasure to make a presentation of a pair of pillars, a product of the fine craftsmanship of Bro. Percy Plowman of Edmonton. The pillars will I trust, serve to indicate, not only the high regard I hold for the Lodge of my adoption, but also the sense of deep pleasure that is mine in acknowledging privileges and honours which have come to me through my association, over a period of some thirty years, with the members of Vermilion Lodge No. 24.

NECROLOGY

The very fact that we have reached the stage where we are celebrating half century anniversaries is an indication of the passage of time and it is natural, but regrettable, that during the past year we have suffered the loss of nearly three hundred members who were called to the Grand Lodge above. It is certain that their passing will create voids which will be difficult to fill. "Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away" and, while we mourn the passing of our Brethren we may come to realize through the great teachings of Freemasonry something of the solace that is given to us by a thorough appreciation of the Will of the Great Architect of the Universe so clearly indicated to us in the Volume of Sacred Law.

The Grand Chaplain will report to you in connection with the loss of our Brethren and I am sure this Grand Lodge will join with me in expressing the deepest condolences to those who have been bereaved. I feel I must make particular mention of the great loss suffered through the passing of our Senior Past Grand Master, William Murray Connacher, who was born in Campbellton, New Brunswick, on May 17, 1872 and died in Calgary, Alberta on April 12, 1956. M. W. Bro. Connacher served Freemasonry well and was responsible for the York Rite Work as exemplified in this Grand Jurisdiction; for many years he was a shining example to all members of the fraternity as he was in general to the Community in which he took an active part. His passing removed an outstanding figure in all phases of the life of the Province of Alberta, but the glory of his contribution will long remain in the hearts of men.

A sense of deep personal loss came to me through the death of R. W. Bro. H. Percy Long, for nearly fifty years a stalwart advocate of the principles of Freemasonry in Vermilion Lodge No. 24 and in the community which he served as a valued public official, who departed this life during the year after a long illness.

During the month of April 1956 I was called by members of St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, to present a Fifty Year Jewel to W. Bro. James B. Holden, long prominent in the Masonic and community life of Alberta; within a few days this distinguished Brother, a close personal friend for a generation, was called to join the vast host in the Grand Lodge above. To mention but a few of our devoted members is, perhaps, not the proper thing to do, and there is no desire whatever to minimize the contribution of others who have crossed the Great Divide during the year; the close harmony of an association with the three members mentioned herein, however, prompts me to mention them and in so doing, I include, with the greatest respect and a most profound sense of loss, all of the Brethren who were gathered to their Maker in the past twelve months.

*"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and Man,
Beautiful calm when the course is run,
Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
Beautiful death with a life well done."*

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Almost immediately after my installation in the office of Grand Master it was necessary to enter upon the duties of attending the nineteen District Meetings held throughout the Province. I lack the capability of effectively describing the wonderful education that is made available to your Grand Lodge officers through the association provided by the area gatherings, when practically every Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction sends representatives for the purpose of meeting the Grand Lodge representatives and of enlarging their own knowledge and information in things Masonic. Generally speaking it is presumed that the meetings are primarily for the purpose of conveying information to the Brethren of the respective districts and certainly every effort is made to accomplish this desirable end; at the same time it is most decidedly an education for the Grand Lodge officers themselves to meet with the general membership, to delve into individual and Lodge problems and to discuss matters of moment with those chiefly concerned on the constituent Lodge level.

The District meetings were a revelation to me in every sense of the word; the gatherings brought to light a great fund of knowledge of how Masonry is actually making its impact upon the life of our Province; in the case of practically all of the meetings we found the leaders of Masonry to be men who were in positions of responsibility in the local community, serving on city, town and municipal councils, school boards, hospital boards and in other vital community efforts; it was most illuminating to realize that the tenets of Freemasonry were being put to wholly practical use and that while we sometimes despair as to the actual value of the teachings of Masonry as they may affect our contacts with our fellows, there would appear to be every valid reason to appreciate just what Freemasonry means outside, as well as inside the Temples of Brotherly Love.

Accompanied in each case by R. W. Bro. Rivers, Grand Secretary, every possible effort was made to release barriers between Grand Lodge

and the Constituent Lodge; constitutional matters received careful scrutiny, matters dealing with the Work were freely discussed and analyzed and ways and means of making Masonry more and more effective were the subject of informal sessions. Generally speaking, the meetings were well attended and it is a conservative estimate to indicate that fifteen per cent of all Masons in Alberta took advantage of the opportunities presented by meetings which were conveniently arranged and strategically located.

To say that my appreciation of the general co-operation of the membership of the Order is high would be but to mildly express the approbation that must attach to those who, in many cases, forsook their harvest at a critical period in an agricultural economy to drive long distances to meet your Officers. I recall with a deep sense of appreciation a group of four young men who left their combines in the field in the middle of harvest season and drove more than 150 miles for the purpose of meeting their fellows and the Grand Lodge officers; with a spirit such as this prevailing there can be little question as to the solidarity of Freemasonry and the important place it occupies in the hearts of its constituents.

Each of your District Deputy Grand Masters will submit a report for your consideration; the Deputy Grand Master will summarize their work and their recommendations in a report on the Condition of Masonry and it would thus be unsuitable for me to endeavor to outline in detail all of the splendid work that goes on month after month throughout our vast Province and I must content myself with expressing the most sincere gratitude to all who helped to make our 1955-56 District Meetings as successful as they were. It was a matter of considerable satisfaction to me that the members of District No. 10, under the effective direction of R. W. Bro. Charles Sinclair, established something of a record when 222 members of the District assembled in Edmonton for the annual district convention. As this is the District to which I am proud to belong, it was pleasing indeed to see the generally district wide support and encouragement.

The arrangements of suitable dates for the District Meetings is a matter of serious moment; in every case sincere effort is made to meet the wish of the District but occasionally it is necessary to arbitrarily establish a date in order to make it possible to conform to a reasonable itinerary. The co-operation of all during the past year is appreciated and on behalf of those who will succeed me in office I solicit a continuation of the widespread co-operation in the difficult arrangement of the series of meetings, some of which must necessarily be less suitable to agricultural interests than others.

The District Meetings held and the District Deputy Grand Masters responsible for their organization were as follows:

District No.	Location	Date	District Deputy Grand Master
1.	Calgary	Nov. 3, 1955	R.W. Bro. W. Lloyd McPhee
2.	Medicine Hat	Nov. 9, 1955	R.W. Bro. E. J. Fooks
3.	Edmonton	Oct. 21, 1955	R.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder
4.	Red Deer	Oct. 19, 1955	R.W. Bro. Hugh MacPhail
5.	Forestburg	Aug. 24, 1955	R.W. Bro. A. F. Lissack
6.	Okotoks	Nov. 15, 1955	R.W. Bro. C. W. Johnson
7.	Taber	Nov. 10, 1955	R.W. Bro. Wesley Smith
8.	Hillcrest	Sept. 12, 1955	R.W. Bro. E. C. Cosstick
9.	Stettler	Aug. 23, 1955	R.W. Bro. H. C. Allen
10.	Edmonton	Sept. 28, 1955	R.W. Bro. Charles Sinclair
11.	Champion	Nov. 2, 1955	R.W. Bro. J. H. Buchan

12.	Edmonton	Sept. 27, 1955	R.W. Bro. W. G. Lewis
13.	Wembley	July 6, 1955	R.W. Bro. Robert E. Newcom
14.	Delia	Aug. 30, 1955	R.W. Bro. G. M. Hewson
15.	Bashaw	Oct. 20, 1955	R.W. Bro. B. W. Holt
16.	Drumheller	Aug. 31, 1955	R.W. Bro. W. A. MacCrimmon
17.	Irma	Aug. 25, 1955	R.W. Bro. Clifford Smallwood
18.	Calgary	Nov. 16, 1955	R.W. Bro. F. S. Bird
19.	Edmonton	Sept. 29, 1955	R.W. Bro. W. S. Kent

I cannot too strongly express my appreciation of the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters who are often called upon to undertake onerous duties in connection with administration of your Grand Lodge; their devotion to the duties allocated to them has been a revelation to me and I wish to express my deepest appreciation to each and every such officer for the generous and unfailing assistance given to me during the past year. On no occasion when a request has been made of these officers has there been the slightest delay in carrying out the duty assigned to them. Arrangements for District Meetings, which naturally fall to them in large measure, have been efficiently carried out. All District Deputy Grand Masters attended the meetings for which they were directly responsible and, in numerous cases, were present at other nearby District Meetings, where their help and encouragement was of great value. To Grand Lodge at this time I recommend that each of these valued officers be granted the Honorary Rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

To R.W. Bro. Charles E. Garnett who has acted so faithfully as Special Representative of the Grand Master to Yellowknife Lodge and who has been ardent in his duties I wish to express my most sincere thanks.

Charged with the duty of carrying out the duties of representation of the Grand Master for the Masonic year 1956-57 are the following to whom will go our most complete support and our deepest appreciation in connection with their duties:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS ELECTED

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Dist. No.	Name
1	W. Bro. William O. Toone.....
2	W. Bro. G. A. Simpson.....
3	V.W. Bro. David Helman.....
4	W. Bro. F. F. Young.....
5	W. Bro. H. R. Lackey.....
6	W. Bro. R. H. Townsend.....
7	W. Bro. I. T. Hendry.....
8	W. Bro. A. E. Graham.....
9	W. Bro. W. A. Lamrock.....
10	W. Bro. E. A. Meiklejohn.....
11	W. Bro. R. Kotkas.....
12	W. Bro. W. M. Atkin.....
13	W. Bro. A. Richardson.....
14	W. Bro. F. G. Thompson.....
15	W. Bro. W. T. Paterson.....
16	W. Bro. N. F. Watson.....
17	W. Bro. F. Reishus.....
18	V.W. Bro. J. H. Jordan.....
19	W. Bro. L. R. Lauder.....

In District No. 2, W. Bro. W. R. Whitney, originally elected to fill the office of District Deputy Grand Master later found it impossible to accept the office, due to health reasons and at a meeting of representatives of the District held at Medicine Hat, on April 30th, 1956 W. Bro. G. A. Simpson was the choice of his Brethren to fill the office for the coming year.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS AND BARS

The report of the Grand Secretary outlines in detail the presentations of this nature which have been made during the year just closed; the list is indeed an impressive one and serves but to accentuate not only the passage of time, but the fine record of achievement which is gradually being molded throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. It is unnecessary for me to include a repetition of the list to which I have pleasure in directing your attention when you have an opportunity of reading the Proceedings, but I know that all will join in expressing congratulations to the Elder Brethren to whom tribute has been paid.

I would urge that Lodges scan their membership to make sure that no member of the Order who has entitlement to the honour of the Fifty Year Jewel is passed over; at the same time I must suggest that needless mental anguish should in all cases be avoided and that extreme care be taken before intimating to any member that he is entitled to such honour in cases where there has been an appreciable break in membership. During my year of office there have been two or three cases where jewels were applied for and, on checking it was found that the individuals concerned had, unfortunately, been suspended for non payment of dues during a period of economic stress, with the result that membership had been interrupted and while it appeared on the surface that entitlement was possible it was necessarily determined that jewels could not be presented until additional years of membership could be included.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

During the year it was my privilege to have been able to pay fraternal visits to the Grand Lodge communications of Saskatchewan and North Dakota; in each case I was much impressed with the cordial welcome extended to me as your representative. The proceedings were thoroughly enjoyed and there can be no question of the value of inter-Provincial visitations which serve to broaden an understanding of mutual problems confronting our Grand bodies. Addresses of vital importance to Freemasonry were delivered to enthusiastic assemblies in each case and the quite evident interest in all things Masonic served to increase my appreciation of the importance of the Craft, not only to the membership, but to the communities so closely associated with organizations which have for their chief aim the development of all that is right and all that is proper for the advancement of the great principles for which we stand.

In company with M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith and R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, it was my pleasure to attend the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada A.F. & A.M. in the Province of Ontario in July 1955. This Grand Lodge with some 595 Constituent Lodges and a membership vastly greater than our own parallels the history of Canada and has made a mark in which all Masons may take the greatest satisfaction.

Presided over by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Joseph A. Hearn, the great conclave welcomed, in addition to the Grand Masters and others of most of the Grand Jurisdictions of Canada

and the United States, such important Masonic figures as Sir Allan Adair, Assistant Grand Master, and Sir Sydney A. White, Grand Secretary, of the United Grand Lodge of England, Lord Donoughmore, R. W. Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; Lord MacDonald, Grand Master, Lord Eglinton and Winton, Depute Grand Master and Dr. Alexander F. Buchan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Neil F. Hopkins, R. W. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Dr. J. L. Rossiter, R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. Despite the importance of these personages and the quite evident standing in their own spheres of activity, all were found to be most approachable and, indeed, most anxious to be of service to Brethren from this country in any way possible. The delight in meeting them and in the opportunity of extensive discussions of Empire problems was one which will not soon be forgotten.

Taking prior importance in the marking of the Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was, quite fittingly, a great service of Thanksgiving held at Exhibition Park on a beautiful Sunday afternoon when some 28,000 Masons and their wives joined in extending to Almighty God their thanks for the progress and privileges of no less than a century of time. With a choir of more than one hundred and fifty voices the scene was one in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. Brother the Rev. Harold F. Young, an eminent Divine and an outstanding member of the Masonic Order delivered a stirring and impressive address to the vast assembly.

Taking for his text . . . "Keep that which is committed unto thee" . . . his sermon was one which clearly indicated to the concourse of Freemasons assembled their duty in preserving the great truths handed down to us by our Brethren who had gone before. I am sure that no person who heard this vibrant message left the service unimpressed, but, rather, came away with a vastly increased appreciation of all that Freemasonry is, all that Freemasonry has done and all that Freemasonry must do in the future for the promotion of those principles which are so dear to our hearts.

Every phase of the great celebration was carefully planned; due tribute was paid to the Grand Lodges represented and to their memberships scattered over the face of the great Commonwealth of Nations. All who had the privilege of attendance were secure in the belief, as they took their way to their respective places of residence, that a century of Freemasonry in this new land had been productive of much that is good and much that has appeal for right thinking people in their search for the Kingdom of God. To have been privileged to attend this great and epochal centenary service as your representative will be an ever to be remembered experience.

Another visitation made as your representative and in company with M. W. Bro. Sam Harris took place before my election to the office of Grand Master and while acting in the capacity of Deputy Grand Master. It was of such significance, however, that I choose to touch briefly upon it, mainly because it extended my personal appreciation of the universality of the science of Freemasonry; I refer to a special visit to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, when the members of that sister Grand Jurisdiction met in solemn conclave to officially open and to dedicate a great new Temple in the City of Havana in February of 1955. Erected at a cost of some three millions of dollars, exquisitely designed and appropriately furnished, this great Temple will long stand as an intimation that Freemasonry extends its influence on a broad plane indeed. Only recently M. W. Bro. Carlos Piniero of the Grand Lodge of Cuba presented me with a pleasing bronze replica of the fine building; this has been deposited with the Grand

Secretary and will doubtless be included among the priceless possessions of our Grand Lodge of the future, marking as it does, the further extension of the spirit of Brotherhood among the nations.

MASONIC CONFERENCES

Whenever opportunity presented itself during my term of office, I was pleased to attend conferences of Grand Lodge officers by means of which it might be possible to widen my knowledge of the administration of Grand Lodge; during the course of this communication you will have a detailed report of the Conference of Western Canadian Grand Lodges held at Banff in September 1955, the report to be presented by M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis, Past Grand Master and Secretary of the Conference. It is, therefore, unnecessary for me to do more than pay tribute to what I believe to be a most important annual gathering of those responsible for the conduct of the work of our Grand Lodges. This conference makes it possible for the junior Grand Lodge officers to examine vital aspects of our work, to study papers and addresses of moment and to live for a few days in close contact with those of broad experience.

Each year detailed reports of addresses and discussions are printed and made available to our Lodges and I strongly recommend that study groups in every Lodge take full advantage of the material available in an endeavor to increase the general knowledge of all aspects of our work and to centralize attention and interest on material which, in my opinion, contains much of value.

I have heard it suggested that this Conference might well be carried out bi-ennially; but it is my personal opinion that as officers take their respective places in Grand Lodge they should have the results of the annual meetings available to them, so that they may more effectively increase their own knowledge and thus be better able to impart that knowledge to their Brethren. It has been suggested on occasion, as well, that the conference is becoming too greatly under the influence of members other than those of Western Canadian Grand Lodges; with this claim I must sincerely disagree as it is my firm conviction that enlightened discussion, regardless of its source has much of value to us as leaders of the Craft.

THE ALL CANADIAN CONFERENCE

It was pleasurable for me to find that a meeting of the All Canada (Biennial) Conference would be held during my term of office and a privilege for me to attend the meeting in the City of Toronto just prior to the conference of Grand Masters of North America at Washington, D.C. in February 1955. Men prominent in the councils of Freemasonry from every Province but British Columbia assembled for several days and gave searching analysis to papers presented by representatives of the various Grand Jurisdictions; the presentation of the paper was followed in each case by discussion and much of value was thus obtained.

I deemed it a great honour to have been invited to present a paper on the subject . . . "The Attitude of Grand Lodges to Organizations predicated membership in the Craft and the effect that such Organizations have on Craft Masonry"; while it was my own personal belief that there were others much more capable of presenting material on such an imposing subject, it would hardly have been in keeping with the spirit of the idea to have refused to comply and I trust that the subject matter presented has had value. It has evidently been suggested by M. W. Bro. Ireland that this paper be included in our 1955-56 Proceedings and the

material will thus be available to those who care to read the article. It is my hope that a greatly to be desired co-operation between Craft Masonry and the Organizations which do predicate membership therein may be brought into existence in the future to the mutual advantage of our own membership and those who seek to extend their knowledge in the sometimes described 'higher' organizations, but which may be more properly described, according to M. W. Bro. Robert Tate of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, who led the discussion on my paper as 'dependent' organizations.

Other papers delivered and discussed at the All Canada Conference were as follows:

"Is it advisable to have a Board of General Purposes
and if so, what should be its composition and
duties?"

Paper by M. W. Bro. Copus, Ontario; Discussion led by V. W. Bro. Magee of New Brunswick.

"My Church, my Service Club, My Home, my
Community and my Lodge."

"My Church — M. W. Bro. Munro, Nova Scotia.

"My Service Club — M. W. Bro. Avar, Nova Scotia.

"My Home, my Community and my Lodge"

— M. W. Bro. Harris, Nova Scotia

Discussion led by M. W. Bro. Evans, Manitoba.

"What is the best approach to Masonic Research
Activities?"

Paper by R. W. Bro. Milborne, Quebec; Discussion led by R. W. Bro. Clark, Newfoundland.

"The desirability of elimination of reduced non-
resident dues."

Paper by R. W. Bro. Louthood, Quebec; Discussion led by M. W. Bro. MacKenzie, P. E. I.

One of the outstanding events of this fine conference was the address of R. W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Johnston, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ontario; the material presented was intensely interesting and those of us who represented this Grand Lodge were deeply impressed. On your behalf I took the liberty of inviting this speaker to address this Grand Lodge meeting and I am sure that all will join in extending a genuine Western welcome to R. W. Bro. Johnston whom we are pleased to have with us today and to whose address of this evening we will look forward with such great pleasure.

The All Canada Conference of 1955 fully met every requirement of such a gathering; the next meeting of the nation wide group will be held in the City of Winnipeg in February 1957. For this meeting our Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Rivers will serve as a member of the Committee on the Agenda. It will be my honour to serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee in connection with the 1957 sessions, the Brethren of the 1955 meeting having taken the responsibility of naming me to this position in the closing hours of the Toronto gathering.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH AMERICA

An unique experience was made possible for me through attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in the City of Washington, D.C. from February 20th to 24th, 1956. Having previously had an opportunity of attending the meeting, due to the inability of M. W. Bro. Dawson to attend the previous year, the sessions this

year proved much more fruitful than would have been the case for a first visit. R. W. Bro. Rivers attended the Conference of Grand Secretaries held simultaneously, and M. W. Bro. Harris, P. G. M., attended as he has done for many years.

This beautifully organized annual meeting was productive of much food for thought and it was pleasing to be able to hear addresses from some of the outstanding Masons of the United States Grand Jurisdictions. This year for the first time discussion of the papers presented was permitted and it is my opinion that from the discussion, perhaps to an even greater extent than from the papers themselves, comes the greatest value.

Papers presented for the consideration of the representatives were:

“Should we change our theory of non-solicitation
for the degrees?”

“Is DeMolay a proper activity for Grand Lodges
and for subordinate Lodges?”

They were approached by several speakers, in each case presenting arguments favorable or adverse to the question; the Proceedings of these meetings will shortly be available to our Grand Lodges and I have no doubt but that Lodges wishing the material for study or debate purposes could find it readily available.

Addresses were delivered by the representatives of the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica, York Grand Lodge of Mexico, Guatemala and the Philippines; revelations in the addresses served to enlarge the scope of our understanding of Masonry in distant places and lent a world wide atmosphere to the sessions.

February 22nd, the birthday of the late George Washington, one time President of the United States and a forthright Freemason, was marked by a visit to the celebrated George Washington National Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, where an opportunity was given to inspect the magnificent structure that will for all time memorialize Washington. The fine building has facilities for the practice of every phase of Masonry and although it is estimated to be less than sixty per cent complete it has already cost more than six millions of dollars. Beauty is the keynote of the structure and it is well worth a visit. While we were there the usual Service of Thanksgiving was held, on the conclusion of which a fine carillon was presented in memory of the late Bro. Childs, whose name is well known in Masonic circles in the United States. A delightful programme of sacred music was played for the edification of those present.

Indicating the high regard in which Freemasonry is held in important circles was an opportunity given to all Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and others attending the Conference to meet at a breakfast session with members of the Supreme Court of the United States as well as members of President Eisenhower's Cabinet, the President himself being absent due to his health condition. It was indeed a great honour to have been received by such national figures as the Honourable Earl Warren, Chief Justice, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, the Hon. Charles E. Wilson, Secretary for Defence, the Hon. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of Congress and others of like national stature. The Honourable Speaker addressed the gathering at some length, expressing the regrets of the President for his inability to attend and intimating the high regard in which members of the Order were held by those in positions of responsibility, not only in the councils of the United States, but in the direction, in this critical time, of the work of the Western powers in their effort to maintain peace in a troubled world.

To the members of this Grand Jurisdiction I am most grateful for the opportunity which made it possible for me to be present at the sessions of this great Conference and its allied activities.

DISPENSATIONS

Perusal of the report of the Grand Secretary will indicate that a large number of Dispensations have been granted during the year; most of the Dispensations granted were of routine nature but it may well be that query might be made in connection with the fact that 49 permissions were granted to change the night of meeting from a regular date; I may say that a considerable number of these were due to the fact that it was my wish to visit as many individual Lodges as possible during the year and the Lodges were good enough to accede to such changes of date as were found necessary to permit the visit to fit into my itinerary. Others were required due to local conditions where special local events conflicted with regular meetings and I am sure it will be generally agreed that participation in community efforts, designed to forward desirable objectives, is an essential part of our work. District meetings in several instances required change of date of local Lodge meetings.

It will be seen that Dispensations were granted in the case of four applicants for membership who were, by reason of physical disability slightly incapacitated; in each case, before granting the necessary authority for acceptance of the application careful scrutiny was made of the individual, not only by the local Committee, but by the District Deputy Grand Master and special care was taken to insure that the applicant, once admitted could meet requirements of the various degrees. It is my feeling that a good man and true should not be denied the privileges and value of Freemasonry if he qualifies in every respect except that of unimpaired physical fitness; I am sure that no one would wish to deny a worthy candidate the right to participate in the beauties of the Order if he can, in substance, meet the demands of our Constitution and ritual.

It will be noticed also that Dispensation was granted to elect and invest a Worshipful Master and Secretary out of time; this was done in an effort to ameliorate a situation in Milo Lodge which has caused your Grand Lodge Officers a great deal of frustration and unhappiness. Concerted efforts have been directed to correct the unfortunate situation and the entire matter is still receiving attention. It is my hope that the spirit of Freemasonry will prevail and that the difficulties which are felt to be not altogether insurmountable may yet be resolved.

Four Dispensations were granted for the reception of petitions without the desired residence qualifications. These developed from special cases where the matter of family tie or previous residence entered into the desire of the candidate to join a certain Lodge. In each case waivers were received from the Lodge as necessary and it is felt that the Dispensations granted were generally favourable to accord and Masonic contentment.

A Dispensation was granted, on request, to North Star Lodge to take their Charter to Cutbank, Montana, and to confer the Third Degree in the nearby State. The request actually originated from R. W. Bro. Van Demark of Cutbank and was approved by the Grand Lodge of Montana prior to the request being made. It was felt that in the interests of good fraternal relations between our two countries the desired permission would serve a useful purpose.

Permission was also given to Vermilion Lodge to remove the Charter from its own premises to the Provincial School of Agriculture for purposes

of the Fiftieth Anniversary at which the attendance was such that members and visitors could not be acceptably accommodated in the Lodge room.

THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Whenever opportunity presented itself Lodges were urged to effect one hundred per cent subscription to the Grand Lodge Bulletin which, under the able direction of M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, has maintained a high standard of efficiency over a long period of years. The reception of the publication by the Lodges generally has been favorable and complimentary remarks in respect of its excellent material are heard on every hand; not only is the Bulletin serving to carry information to the Brethren of the Jurisdiction but serves to maintain contact between our own and outside Lodges; on numerous occasions during my travels reference has been made to the Bulletin in the highest terms and we are indebted to M. W. Bro. Harris for a job well done.

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Feeling that the demands made upon the time and energy of M. W. Bro. Harris, who has for so long acted as Editor of the Bulletin and Chairman of the Committee on Research and Education were too heavy it was felt that some measure of relief should be afforded him; with this in mind Bros. R. S. Sheppard, W. G. Stillman, both of Edmonton and Roy Austin of Calgary and W. H. Williams of Medicine Hat were added to the Committee; considerable work has been done in connection with the extension of the service that might be made available to our Lodges and it is my hope the Committee may be continued and its work extended, as it felt that suitable material can be made available through intensive effort.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

It was with regret that the resignation of M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis as a member of this important Committee was received and accepted; M. W. Bro. Ellis has made a valuable contribution for many years and replacement will not be easy. He could not, however, see his way clear to re-consider his resignation and on behalf of Grand Lodge, I wish to extend the most sincere thanks for his efforts. In the belief that our Grand Secretary is necessarily closely allied to the Lodges through his office it has been deemed advisable to add him to this Committee and doubtless the fact that he visits the Constituent Lodges each year in company with the Grand Master will have the result that the Work may be even more closely adhered to than ever before.

CONCLUSION

In drawing to a close this rather lengthy summation of the activities of the past year, I wish to express my most sincere thanks, first of all to the Brethren for having placed their trust in me a year ago. It is my most earnest hope that such contribution as I may have been able to make for the advancement of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction may prove acceptable. To all who have been so generous in their assistance and co-operation I am sincerely grateful and I shall not soon forget the efforts of R. W. Bro. Rivers, our Grand Secretary, who has labored faithfully to assist me in every avenue of the work involved in the conduct of Grand Lodge and I shall not fail to appreciate the unfailing courtesy and assistance rendered by Miss Butler, stenographer in the Grand Lodge office.

There has been no single Past Grand Master who has not rendered valuable assistance to me during the year and I am most appreciative of their co-operation; District Deputy Grand Masters, officers and members of Lodges and all others with whom I have necessarily come in contact

have been generous in their support and this assistance is acknowledged with gratitude.

With all the privileges that have been accorded me by virtue of my office the year has been one which I shall never fail to recall with pleasure. The greatest of all privileges has been that of fellowship with men of sincere purpose and while I have always had the deepest respect for Freemasonry in all its aspects, my experience of the past twelve months has but served to enlarge and increase that respect and to enlighten me as to the inestimable value and meaning of the Craft as it affects the lives of men.

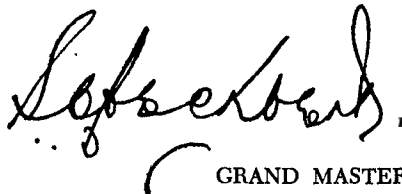
I am confident that our Order has a definite place in the service of the Community, in the service of our greatly favoured Province and in the service of Canada. It is undeniably a great and potent force in preparation for right thinking and for right living and assured of the concerted efforts of all, there are bright prospects for the future. Complete as it is with a vast pool of experience of the pioneers of Freemasonry and with the unlimited enterprise of our more youthful members, the Order is destined to a future of no mean import in the welfare of our country and her citizens.

I cannot deny that it is with a deep sense of reluctance that I now surrender the gavel to my successor for I know that I shall miss the pleasant associations that have attended my duties in this important office. I am confident, however, that under the guidance of the Grand Master elect, Ross S. Sheppard, and his able assistants, the Grand Lodge of Alberta will meet every demand of the future. To R. W. Bro. Sheppard and to every officer of Grand Lodge I am deeply indebted for kindly and understanding assistance. Should there be any way in which I may in some measure repay all the privilege that has been granted to me, I will deem it a further privilege to be called upon at any time.

It is with confidence that I look to the new leadership of our Fraternity, pregnant as it is with great possibilities for the future . . . and I say to my successor, and to you, my Brethren:

“Here’s a clean year
A white year
Reach your hand and take it.
You are
The Builder
And no one else can take it.
See what it is
That waits here
Whole and new.
It’s not a year only
But a world
For you.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.



GRAND MASTER

Moved by R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard (11) seconded by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29) that the Grand Master's address be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Once again we pause for a few minutes to pay honour to those of our Order who have passed within the veil during the past year. While we know there are many sore hearts for those who are left behind, and that there are vacant places in our ranks, yet we must remember what we teach.

The newly initiated candidate is taught how to use the twenty four inch gauge. If this means anything it is that we should learn how to make use of the time allotted to us here on earth. That is one of the very first things taught us. If we heed the advice we shall so make use of our time to the best advantage that we shall not fear what life may have for us. Then later on we are taught that life is immortal. Thus we are taught that the time of all of us is measured. Each of us has only a certain amount of it. On the other hand we know that when the end of time comes for us, if we have made the best use of it, we shall arise to shine as the stars for ever and ever.

Let us then think of our brethren who have gone, as having made the best use of their time and are now alive for evermore in the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe.

We mourn the loss of 294 brethren of this Jurisdiction who have left us during the past year. We cannot name them all here, but their names appear in the Proceedings. There are some of our outstanding brethren whom we must mention however:

M.W. BROTHER WILLIAM MURRAY CONNACHER

Grand Master 1917

Born May 17th, 1872 at Campbellton, New Brunswick

Initiated in Scotia Lodge Yarmouth, N.S. Feb. 18th, 1895

Died in Calgary April 12th, 1956.

V.W. BROTHER LEWIS MONKLEY

Senior Grand Deacon 1946

Born at Bristol, England 1878,

Initiated Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, March 9, 1920

Died November 30, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER T. JOHN CUMBERLAND

District Deputy Grand Master, Dist. No. 8, 1941

Born at Simcoe Co., Ont., 1878,

Initiated Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Jan. 21, 1910

Died November 1955.

R.W. BROTHER ALEX. B. MITCHELL

District Deputy Grand Master 1936

Born at Auchenblae, Scotland 1886.

Initiated in Red Deer Lodge No. 12, February 11, 1919

Died August 18, 1955.

R. W. BROTHER JOHN STEELE BLAKE

District Deputy Grand Master 1926

Initiated Nanton Lodge No. 17, May 23, 1905

Died January 4, 1955.

V.W. BROTHER JAMES BROWN, JR.,

Grand Steward, 1945.

Born at Kingsbarns, Fife, Scotland, 1894.

Initiated St. Andrew's Lodge No. 83, Scotland.

Affiliated Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, February 15, 1923.

Died April 27, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER VINCENT CUTHBERT WESTMORE STANLEY

District Deputy Grand Master 1919.

Initiated Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, April 4, 1906

Died August 1st, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER HERBERT PERCY LONG

Grand Steward 1924,

District Deputy Grand Master 1930

Born at Orono, Ont, June 5 1883,

Initiated Vermillion Lodge No. 24, March 26, 1912.

Died November 7, 1955

R.W. BROTHER GEORGE LLOYD MORRISON

District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 6, 1951.

Born at Bristol, Quebec 1895.

Initiated Cairo Lodge No. 32, March 4th, 1919.

Died October 9, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER HARRY WILLIAM GIBBON STOCKEN

Worshipful Master Bow River Lodge No. 28, G. R. M., 1894.

Grand Chaplain 1910, 1913 and 1914.

Born, S. Hackney, London England 1858,

Affiliated Gleichen Lodge No. 36, October 31, 1907.

Died May 25th 1955

R.W. BROTHER J. HARMAN CALDWELL

District Deputy Grand Master 1916

Born at Curreyville, Mo., U.S.A. 1876

Affiliated Tuscan Lodge No. 43, June 2, 1909

Died January 5, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER ROBERT WHITFIELD
District Deputy Grand Master, Dist. No. 9, 1951
Born at Haigh, Lancs. England 1880.
Initiated Ionic Lodge No. 45, January 2, 1936.
Died June 3, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER ERNEST H. McCAUGHERTY
District Deputy Grand Master, 1920.
Born at Kingston, Ont., 1887
Initiated Bassano Lodge No. 55, May 20, 1913.
Died April 14, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER THOMAS ARTHUR MARSHALL
District Deputy Grand Master, Dist. No. 9, 1942.
Born at Huntingdon, Quebec 1891.
Initiated Beaver Lodge No. 56, March 8, 1916
Died January 2, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER WILLIAM STONE
District Deputy Grand Master, Dist. No. 9, 1949.
Born at Common Moor, Cornwall, Eng. 1860
Initiated Beaver Lodge No. 56, July 20 1921.
Died June 12, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER THOMAS W. BULL
District Deputy Grand Master, 1931
Born at London, England 1883,
Initiated Empire Lodge No. 63, July 3, 1911
Died February 28, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER PETER McASKILE
District Deputy Grand Master, Dist. No. 11, 1942
Born at Highgate, Ont. 1886.
Initiated Manyberries Lodge No. 133, Sept. 12, 1923.
Died, January 27, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER WILLIAM HENRY CHAPPELL
Grand Registrar, 1929
Born at Nottingham, England, 1882.
Initiated Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, May 13, 1918.
Died July 27, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER SYLVANUS E. CORNELL
Past District Deputy Grand Master.
Born at Thedford, Ont. 1867.
Died August 5, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER GEORGE NATHANIEL McLEAN
District Deputy Grand Master, Dist. No. 7, 1947.
Born at Kingston, Ontario
Initiated, North Star Lodge No. 4, May 12 1919.
Died October 28, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER JAMES MALLOCH
District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 3, 1938
Born at Braemar, Scotland, 1867
Initiated, Meridian Lodge No. 129, February 3, 1925.
Died February 27th, 1955.

R.W. BROTHER GEORGE WILLIAM BUREAU
Grand Director of Ceremonies 1942,
District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 1, 1945,
Elected to the Board of Benevolence 1943 and retaining Office,
until the time of his death.
Born, London, England, July 27, 1893
Initiated, King George Lodge No. 59, May 20, 1921.
Charter Member Renfrew Lodge No. 134, December 12, 1923
Died November 23, 1955.

To the relatives of all those who have passed on we offer our most sincere sympathy. To their brethren in the lodges we suggest the best memorial to them is to attempt to fill the vacancies by striving to copy their example, and work more effectively for the good of our Order.

LET US PRAY

We seem to give them back to Thee, dear God, who gavest them to us. Yet, as Thou didst not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by their return. Not as the world giveth, givest Thou, O Lover of souls. What Thou Givest, Thou takest not away, for what is Thine is ours also, if we are Thine. And life is eternal and love is immortal and death is only a horizon, and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, O God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly; draw us nearer to Thyself that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved who are with Thee. And while Thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us for that, happy place, that where they are and Thou art, we too may be, for Christs sake we ask it. AMEN.

W. H. Morgan, Grand Chaplain, Chairman,
T. S. Jeffery, P. G. R.
W. C. McRoberts, P. G. O.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84) seconded by V.W. Bro. W. C. McRoberts (124) that the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge be assured to Lodges and Grand Lodges affected. Carried.

Report of District Deputy Grand Masters

The reports of the 19 District Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Master's Representative in the N.W.T. are presented herewith. Each and every report is addressed to the **M.W. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.**, it commences 'Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,' and correctly ends 'Respectfully and Fraternally submitted'. To conserve space these formalities have been omitted from each report.

DISTRICT NO. 1

I submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1 for the Masonic Year 1955 - 1956.

The highlight of Masonry in District No. 1 was the instituting of Foothills Lodge on Friday the 13th day of April 1956, by our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert. This Lodge will be meeting on the second Friday of each month, in St. Mark's Masonic Lodge in South West Calgary, and will be practicing in the Ancient York Rite.

This new lodge together with Jubilee Lodge in District No. 18 which was instituted on January 17th, 1956, has given new impetus to Masonry in the City of Calgary, and with the large number of Masons living in Calgary who have no lodge affiliations here, there is ample room for other new lodges.

The official Meeting for District No. 1 was held in the Central Masonic Temple in Calgary on Thursday, November 3rd, 1955.

An informal discussion with the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary took place in the late afternoon between the hours of 4:30 and 6:00 o'clock which was in the form of questions and answers. This was not largely attended, but much benefit was derived by those present. At 6:00 o'clock a banquet was held in the Banquet Room. At 7:30 P.M. the District Meeting was opened by R. W. Bro. W. Lloyd McPhee, and the Grand Master M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert was introduced and received with Grand Honors. There were 97 Brethren present, each lodge in the District being represented.

Wor. Bro. W. O. Toone of Lodge Renfrew was elected D. D. G. M. for the year 1956-1957, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The next District Meeting will be held in Banff.

The W. Master and Officers of King George exemplified the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner.

The District Meeting was brought to a close by a very inspiring address on Free Masonry by M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert.

It was encouraging to note that every Lodge in District No. 1 was represented at the special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, held in the City of Edmonton On October 14, 1955, to celebrate its Golden Jubilee.

On November 27, 1955 the Brethren of Districts No. 1 and No. 18, combined to accept an invitation from Bro. the Rev. Dr. J. Gordon Jones to hold an official Church parade at First Baptist Church in Calgary, when he delivered a very excellent and inspiring address to the Masons assembled. His sermon was based on the great pyramids and their relation to Masonry.

The Men's Club of the Church arranged a fireside hour after in the Church parlours which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

It was my good fortune to be able to attend at several regular, emergent and special Communications of the 7 lodges in District No. 1, during my term of office. These in addition to regular attendance at my own Lodge. At all times I was treated with great respect, and on my Official Visit to each lodge was accorded Grand Honors. I delivered at least 4 short papers to each lodge in District No. 1 which I feel were well received by the Brethren. I shall, before the close of my term of office, pay an official visit to the newly instituted Foothills Lodge, of which I am privileged to be the Immediate Past Master.

The condition of Masonry, and the records of all the Lodges in District No. 1 are excellent. All of the lodges are to be complimented on the calibre of their Secretaries, they are doing an excellent job.

Attendance at regular meetings is not as large as it could be. I do not consider this as a lack of interest, but rather an expression of satisfaction as to the manner in which the affairs of the lodge are handled, because on degree nights or special occasions the Brethren do support their W. M. and other Officers quite well.

Many Lodges are sending out one notice a month, and before the second meeting, or visit, or special event, has taken place the Brethren have forgotten about it. If this practice is to continue, I feel a follow up card should be sent to all brethren three or four days before the next meeting or forthcoming event.

The Brethren should not forget the social part of their lodge gathering, this tends to stimulate interest and keep their lodges alive. Special or named nights also create interest.

St Marks Lodge has a roll call night in February. Every Member's name is called out and he responds "Present" if in attendance. This is an excellent idea. It brings the Brethren out and gives them an opportunity to pay their dues.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of the Brethren in District No. 1 for the many courtesies extended to me during my year of office. To R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, our Grand Secretary, for capable advice and guidance, and to my District Secretary, W. Bro. Orrie W. Harris for a job well done, and a memory of many happy occasions together.

W. LLOYD McPHEE,
D.D.G.M., District No. 1

DISTRICT NO. 2

I have the honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the "Condition of Freemasonry" in Masonic District No. 2. for the Year 1955 - 56.

Installations— My first official duty as your Representative, which was a distinct pleasure, was to Install the Worshipful Master and Invest the Officers of Manyberries Lodge No. 133 on Friday, June 24th, 1955. On this occasion, W. Bro. E. C. Bennett, a Past Master and truly "A Great Pillar" of this lodge witnessed his second son W. Bro. D. K. Bennett being installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge. I was ably assisted at this Installation Ceremony by five P. D. D. G. Ms. R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams., R. W. Bro. George W. Esmonde-White. R. W. Bro. James Hender-

son, R. W. Bro. F. R. Millican and R. W. Bro. M. J. S. Lloyd. Many brethren from the City and Country lodges were present for this meeting after which a delicious meal was served by the Ladies.

I also had the honor of acting as Installing Master at a Joint Installation Meeting, which was held in the Masonic Temple, Medicine Hat on Tuesday, December 27th, 1955, when the Officers of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, Mizpah Lodge No. 35 and Quarry Lodge No. 70 were duly installed and invested. I was ably assisted by several P. D. D. G. Ms. and especially by R. W. Bro. Jesse Elliott who conferred the Installed Masters Degree in the same beautiful manner he has done for so many years. The Officers of these lodges are all well skilled, worthy and capable of carrying out their respective duties. The attendance was very large. The evening was devoted to the usual St. John's Night Banquet followed by a most enjoyable entertainment arranged by the Entertainment Committee who are to be congratulated on their splendid programme. W. Bro. H. W. D. Cox of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 acted as Toastmaster in a very pleasing and acceptable manner.

Official Visits.

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2	September 13th, 1955.
Manyberries Lodge No. 133	September 15th, 1955.
Quarry Lodge No. 70	October 4th, 1955.
Brooks Lodge No. 73	October 18th, 1955.
Bow Island Lodge No. 64	October 19th, 1955.
Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57	November 10th, 1955.
Mizpah Lodge No. 35	November 15th, 1955.
Bassano Lodge No. 55	December 5th, 1955.

It was very pleasing to note the many improvements made to the Lodge Rooms in order to make them more pleasant and attractive. Much credit is due to the members for their efforts in this connection.

District Meeting— The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Medicine Hat on November 9th, 1955. An informal meeting held in the afternoon was most enlightening, instructive and well attended. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary answered the many questions presented to them to the entire satisfaction of all present. Following a Banquet held in the Oddfellows Hall at 6 P.M. the Brethren adjourned to the Masonic Temple. The District Meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. when all members were vouched for by the Wor. Masters of the several lodges. The M. W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers were received and welcomed, given the customary Honors and invited to the East. It was pleasing to find every Lodge in the District well represented, and the reports of the several Masters gave us the satisfaction of feeling that Masonic Activity and Progress is steadily increasing in this District. The Officers of Mizpah Lodge No. 35 exemplified the Work of the Fellowcraft Degree in the Canadian Rite and they were highly commended by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary on the manner in which the Ceremony was performed. W. Bro. W. R. Whitney of Bassano Lodge No. 55 was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1956 - 57 subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The Town of Bassano was the unanimous choice as the meeting place for the Annual District Meeting in 1956.

M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert presented R. W. Bro. M. J. S. Lloyd with his P.D.D.G.M. jewel and commended him for the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties as D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Lloyd thanked the Grand Master for his kind words and expressed his appreciation and pleasure in having had the honor and privilege to occupy this important office. Your presence at our District Meeting, Most Worshipful Sir, your splen-

did address and the beautiful manner in which you presented it was a great pleasure and inspiration to everyone privileged to be present. The changes in the Opening and Closing ceremony at District Meetings are, I am sure, appreciated by all D.D.G.Ms. Grand Lodge and those responsible for setting up this change are to be congratulated.

Special Events— It was my privilege to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta which was held in the City of Edmonton on October 14th, 1955. This was the most momentous and outstanding Masonic Ceremony it has been my pleasure to attend. Meeting Brethren from the several Lodges in this jurisdiction together with those from other Canadian, United States., Great Britain and European jurisdictions gave us the satisfaction of feeling that Freemasonry is spread over the Earth's habitable surface.

The opening of the new Masonic Hall at Bassano on December 5th, 1955 was another "Special Event." Your kindness, M. Wor. Sir, in travelling so many miles to officially open this new building was greatly appreciated. Other Grand Lodge Officers in attendance at this ceremony included M.W. Bro. A.D. Gumming, P.G.M., R.W.Bro. E.H. Rivers, Grand Secretary., R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon. W.H. Morgan, Grand Chaplain and V. W. Bro. W. J. Hamilton, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Acknowledgements— I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Brethren of District No. 2 for the honor they bestowed on me and my lodge by electing me D.D.G.M. for the past year and to acknowledge gratefully the fraternal and educational experience the office has offered. My grateful thanks to all who accompanied me on my visits, especially to R.W. Bro. George W. Esmonde-White and R.W. Bro. James Henderson for their most wonderful support, also to W. Bro. W. A. Bishop who acted as my Chauffeur.

To R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary my special thanks for his many favors and kind consideration. I am also deeply grateful to V.W. Bro. W. A. Noble for his invaluable work as District Secretary.

W. Bro. W. R. Whitney of Bassano Lodge No. 55, who was elected District Deputy Grand Master at the regular District meeting has been forced by ill health to resign and at a special meeting of the District held in Medicine Hat on April 30th 1956, W. Bro. G. A. Simpson was elected in his stead. May I extend wishes for a speedy recovery for W. Bro. Whitney and offer my congratulations to W. Bro. G. A. Simpson, for whom I can only wish that he may have the same loyal support and encouragement it has been my pleasure to receive.

And to you, M. Wor. Sir, please accept my sincere thanks for approving my election as D.D.G.M. Your many visits to this District have been very much appreciated. Your desire to bring Grand Lodge to the subordinate lodges has been achieved and we feel satisfied that under your leadership Freemasonry in Alberta has made firm and steady progress.

E. J. FOOKS
D.D.G.M. District No. 2

DISTRICT No. 3

I have the honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration and approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 3 for the year 1955 - 1956.

District Meeting— The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, 10318 - 100 Avenue Edmonton, on Friday October 21st, 1955.

The Brethren met in the Library at 4:15 p.m. for an informal discussion period and get together. An open forum was held and many masonic items were discussed freely and questions were answered by Rt. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary and Rt. W. Bro. F. Whitfield. The time allotted for this forum seemed to be all too short and the forum was closed at 5:45 p.m. in order that the brethren could retire to the Banquet Room where supper was served at 6:00 p.m. to 80 members.

The District Meeting was assembled and open in form at 7:40 p.m. by the D.D.G.M. assisted by officers from several of the lodges in the district. M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, Grand Master was introduced by Rt. W. Bro. R. G. Thomson of Unity Lodge No. 51. and was received with Grand Honors and welcomed to the East to assume the gavel. M.W. Bro. Heckbert expressed his thanks for the splendid reception and returned the gavel to the D.D.G.M. to continue with the business of the District Meeting.

It was very gratifying to note that each lodge in the district had one or more representatives in attendance at this meeting and it was also noticeable that this was the largest that District No. 3. has had for many years, a total of 114 were present which would point out the keen interest that the members district are taking in Freemasonry.

Rt. W. Bro. V. Speare, I.P.D.D.G.M. was called upon for a brief report of his activities for the year 1954-55. He informed the brethren present that a complete and detailed report of his activities covering the year 1954-55 would be found in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1955.

M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert presented R.W. Bro. V. Speare with the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. expressing the wish that he may long be spared to wear it and continue the efforts he so ably had exemplified.

The next order of business was the election of the District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year. There was only one nomination in the box, that of V.W. Bro. D. Helman, Unity Lodge No. 51. The D.D.G.M. declared V. W. Bro. D. Helman D.D.G.M. elect subject to the ratification of the M.W. The Grand Master.

Edmonton was chosen as the place of the next District Meeting.

At the conclusion of the District Meeting the M.W. The Grand Master delivered an address the title being "I DEVISE AND BEQUEATH." This was a very unique and inspiring address and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The D.D.G.M. thanked M.W. Bro. Heckbert for his splendid address and it was suggested at this meeting that the address be printed in the Masonic Bulletin so all members of the Craft would have the opportunity of reading it.

General— On all my official and fraternal visits to the lodges in the district my reception has been most courteous and friendly. I found on every occasion an excellent Masonic spirit existed in all lodges. The books and records on being examined were found to be kept in good order. The degree work that I had the pleasure of witnessing was of a high standard and business meetings which I attended were conducted in a very satisfactory manner. The membership for the year 1955-56 has had a net increase of 51. Masonry as a whole in District No. 3. is progressing very favorably.

Official Visits— On Nov. 4th, 1955. I commenced paying my official visits with a visit to Edson Lodge No. 68, Edson, Alberta. I was accompanied by Rt. W. Br. J. Booth, Secretary for District No. 3. The

meeting was well attended and the books and records were examined and found to be in good condition. At the conclusion of the meeting I presented a short masonic paper under the topic "To seek for that which is lost." The hospitality and friendliness accorded us by the officers and members of Edson Lodge, No. 68. will not be forgotten for a long time to come and at this opportune time I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the members of Edson Lodge for the many courtesies accorded us.

On Nov. 5th, 1955. My next official visit was to Jasper Park Lodge No. 143. Jasper, Alta. This was a regular meeting by dispensation to accommodate the visit of the D.D.G.M. The meeting was well attended. The books and records were examined and were well kept and in good order. It was my privilege to present a masonic paper to the brethren. The hospitality and courtesies accorded Rt. W. Br. Booth and myself were a real surprise and I would at this particular time express to the officers and members of Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143. our sincere thanks and appreciation.

On Nov 9th, 1955 my third official visit was paid to Meridian Lodge No. 129, Stony Plain, Alberta. This was a regular meeting and a degree meeting. The books and records of the lodge are well kept and up to-date. The First Degree was conferred by the officers in an efficient manner. At the conclusion of the degree I presented a short masonic paper entitled, "The twenty four inch Gauge."

On Nov. 17th, 1955 I paid my official visit to Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, Wetaskiwin, Alta. I was accompanied by several Brethren from Edmonton and there was a good attendance of the members of the lodge. My reception was very friendly and courteous. The books and records are very well kept in this lodge by W. Bro. H. G. Smith. At the conclusion of the meeting I gave a short address the heading being, "What is a Masonic Lodge."

On Nov. 29th, 1955 I paid Temple Lodge No. 167, Edmonton, Alta an official visit. This is the youngest York Rite Lodge in the city of Edmonton, and I was impressed by the efficient manner in which they conferred the Second Degree. The books and records are in good condition. It is with a feeling of deep regret that I report the death of the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. H. Guthrie who passed away on February 27th, 1956. This is a very severe loss to Temple Lodge.

On Jan. 3rd 1956, I paid my official visit to Star of the West Lodge No. 34, Leduc, Alberta. The business meeting was well conducted by the officers. The books and records were examined and it was found that the historical register was not quite up to-date but I was given the assurance that it would be brought up to date. At the conclusion of the meeting I presented a Masonic paper under the heading, "Remember now thy Creator." It is with regret that I report the death of Rt. W. Bro. A. R. Ennis, P.D.D.G.M. and one of the stalwart members of Star of the West Lodge, and I am sure that his loss will be felt by all the members of the lodge.

On Jan. 24th, 1956, this was my seventh official visit and it was paid to Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Edmonton, Alta. The books, records and historical register are excellently kept. It was a real pleasure for me to witness the conferring of the Second Degree by the W. Master and his officers. The degree was exemplified in a very dignified and efficient manner. The W. Master and the Officers of Edmonton Lodge are to be congratulated for the precision like manner in which they confer the degrees.

On Feb. 4th 1956, I paid my official visit to Commercial Lodge No. 81, Edmonton. The books and records were examined and found to be in good order. On this visit I witnessed the conferring of the First Degree on five candidates and the work was exemplified in an excellent manner.

On Feb. 20th, 1956, this official visit was to Evergreen Lodge No. 166, Jasper Place, Alta. It was an important visit for me, as I had helped institute the Lodge and also that it was my honor and pleasure to have been the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Evergreen Lodge is active, have recently purchased their own building and are progressing favorably. The books and records with the exception of the historical are well kept. The historical register is to be brought up to-date in the very near future.

On Feb. 21st, 1956, I paid my official visit to Unity Lodge No. 51, the largest lodge in the district. Rt. W. Bro. J. Booth, being secretary of the lodge it is needless to say that the books of the lodge are in excellent shape. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Fellow Craft Degree on five candidates. The degree was very well exemplified by the W. Master and the officers.

On Feb. 28th, 1956, I paid my last official visit to Highlands Lodge No. 168, the youngest lodge in the district. The membership of this lodge is not large but what they lack in numbers is more than made up by the keen interest all the members take in both the regular and emergent meetings. The books and records are well kept and in good order. The degree work is of a high standard. The prospects for this lodge are very bright.

Conclusion— I have received on all my visits the fullest support and co-operation from all the Lodges in the district. On most of my visits I have been well supported by the members of the various lodges in the district. Their presence at all times has been greatly appreciated by me.

To Rt. W. Bro. J. Booth, who so kindly consented to act as the secretary for District No. 3. I express my humble and sincere thanks for the services and advice which he has rendered to me. To all the members of District No. 3. may I convey my humble thanks for the loyal support you have given me as D.D.G.M. To my successor V. W. Bro. D. Helman, Unity Lodge No. 51. I offer my congratulations with the wish that you may receive the same fine co-operation and support that I have had.

I wish to say in conclusion that I consider it a great honor to have served as your representative, M.W. Sir, as D.D.G.M. of District No. 3, I have enjoyed the work thoroughly and I trust that my humble efforts may have furthered the cause of Free Masonry.

A. J. G. LAUDER
D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

DISTRICT NO. 4

I hereby submit for your approval, my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4 for the year 1955-56. The District meeting was held on October 19th 1955 in Red Deer, with all but one Lodge in the District represented.

The meeting was called to order at 3 P.M. by the D.D.G.M. and the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert was received with

Grand Honours. He was accompanied by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers and a number of Grand Lodge Officers, past and present.

The Worshipful Masters of each of the Lodges represented gave their reports, which indicated continued interest and progress of Masonry in the District. A very fine Banquet was served by the O. E. S.

At the evening session the I.P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. G. Z. H. Van Haaften gave a report on his year of office—1954-55—and was presented with the Regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. by the M. W. the Grand Master, with fitting comment.

There was only one nomination and V. W. Bro. F. F. Young of Britannia Lodge No. 18 was elected D.D.G.M. for District No. 4 for 1956-57. The invitation of Ponoka was accepted for the District meeting of 1956.

I have paid official visits to all eleven Lodges in the District and unofficial visits to several. I was received with great kindness and hospitality and wish to express my appreciation for those receptions.

The Lodges have competent Officers and the work I observed was very well done. Two Lodges that had gone through some difficulties have now emerged from them and peace and harmony was evident. Good progress is being made.

I wish to express my appreciation to the District Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. F. Anderson, he accompanied me on many of my visits and was always ready to lend a helping hand. I also wish to express appreciation for having had the honour of being your representative in District No. 4 during the past year.

HUGH McPHAIL
D.D.G.M., District No. 4

DISTRICT No. 5

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. on condition of Masonry of Masonic District No. 5 for the year 1955-56.

The District Meeting was held on Wednesday August 24/56 in the school Auditorium at Forestburg with the Grand Master M. W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert and the Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers in attendance. The afternoon session took the form of an open forum with discussions presided over by R. W. Bro. Rivers. All eleven lodges of the district were represented, a total of one hundred and eight signing the register.

The banquet was held in the Masonic Hall at 6:30 p.m. being catered to by the ladies of the Forestburg Easter Star.

The evening session opened at 7:30 P.M. and the usual business of the district meeting completed. Wor. Bro. H. Lackey of Tuscan Lodge No. 43, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1956-57, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, with Killam being chosen as the next place of our district meeting.

The Entered Apprentice degree was then exemplified by the members of Forestburg lodge after which a very interesting and informative address was given by M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert to bring to a close a very successful district meeting.

All of the eleven lodges that comprise district No. 5 were visited once officially and several were visited two or more times. Books and

records are in most cases up to date and capably managed with returns to Grand Lodge being made promptly. Ample insurance is being carried on all regalia and buildings.

In several instances I found the Historical Register had been neglected somewhat and stressed the advisability of bringing it up to date.

For presentation at my official visits I prepared three papers, "The Masonic Burial Service"; "The Legend of the Third Degree"; and "Apathy or Indifference to Masonry"; one of which was given at each visitation. All lodges in the district are in a sound financial position and have been active in the promotion of our Masonic art. Although two lodges showed no increase for the year the net increase for the district was twenty four.

One of the highlights of my year in office was the attending of the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta held in Edmonton. This was an occasion that will be long remembered by me as well as by those who attended. Another highlight occurred at my official visit to Tuscan Lodge No. 43, at Killam. At that time I was privileged to present a 60 year Bar to R. W. Bro. Alex Ross, now a member of Tuscan No. 43. I also attended the district meeting of District No. 9 held at Stettler and that of District No. 14 held at Delia, Alta.

It is with regret that I now mention the passing of a well known and faithful brother in the person of R. W. Bro. C. E. Blakeney of Harmony Lodge No. 75 Sedgewick. His memory will long remain.

In concluding I would again thank the Brethren of District No. 5 for providing me with the opportunity to serve as D.D.G.M. for the past year. It has been a year of pleasant memories and associations and will ever be cherished by me. I trust I have discharged to a satisfactory degree the duties expected of one in this high office, and that I have been responsible in a small way for the promotion of our Masonic teachings in this district.

A special thanks to R.W.Bro. Wm. Smith Jr. of Forestburg who ably acted as my district secretary and who accompanied me on all but one of my official visitations.

A. F. LISSACK
D.D.G.M. District No. 5

DISTRICT No. 6

I beg to submit for your consideration and approval, my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 for the year 1955-1956.

My first official duty as your representative, was to represent Grand Lodge, on August 3rd at the funeral of our late departed Brother R.W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley, of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, High River. R.W. Bro. Stanley had acted as District Sec'y. of District No. 6 for 15 years or more, and will be greatly missed by all. He was a great Mason.

On October 28th I represented you, M. W. Sir, at the request of our Grand Secretary, at Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, on the occasion of their Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. As you were unable to be present, M.W. Sir, I was asked to respond to the toast to Grand Lodge. A very large crowd was in attendance and a fine program was enjoyed.

During October and early November I visited all but one of the lodges in the District unofficially, as a means of getting acquainted with the Masters and Secretaries of the various lodges so that we might correspond

with each other more intelligently and thus insure a better representation of all lodges at our District Meeting.

DISTRICT MEETING. The 37th Annual District Meeting of District No. 6 was held in the Masonic Hall, at OKOTOKS, on November 15th 1955. Although it was bitterly cold, it was well attended. The meeting was opened at 3:10 P.M. by myself, in the new short form as prescribed by Grand Lodge, assisted by the Corinthian Lodge Brethren. The Masters of the various lodges were invited to the East and vouched for their members present. The M. W. the Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary were then escorted to the Altar, where they were introduced, received in due and ancient form, and invited to the East. After a few well chosen words, the M.W. the Grand Master returned the gavel and the business of the Meeting began. After the Minutes of the last District Meeting were read and approved the brethren were called to their feet to observe a moment's silence in memory of our departed Brothers. The Masters of the various lodges then gave their reports, after which the "Examination of a Visitor" was exemplified in the Canadian Rite. The Meeting closed down at 4:50 P.M. when an informal circle was formed on the floor of the lodge for questions and discussion. This proved to be of very great interest and many questions were answered. I believe this should be a "MUST" for all District Meetings. At 6:00 P.M. a turkey banquet was served in the banquet room by the members of the O.E.S. Lodge resumed Labor at 7:40 P.M. at which time a paper was read by W. Bro. R. Osborne, on "Masonic Significance of Certain Chapters of the V.S.L." This was an outstanding paper, and was very much enjoyed by all. The officers of Corinthian Lodge then exemplified the 3rd degree in the Canadian Rite, after which the Grand Secretary commented on several phases of the work. There being only one nomination for D.D.G.M. Wor. Bro. R. H. Townsend of Stavely Lodge No. 33 was declared elected for the year 1956-1957, subject to the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master.

Then came the high-light of the evening, when M.W. Brother Heckbert, gave his very fine and inspiring address, which was very much appreciated by everyone.

Official Visits: Stavely Lodge No. 33, February 7th 1956. Nanton Lodge No. 17, February 9th 1956. Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, High River, Feb. 16th. Cairo Lodge No. 32, Claresholm, Feb. 21st. Corinthian Lodge No. 22 Okotoks, March 6th. Joppa Lodge No. 40, Granum, March 8th. 1956. I was also present at several installations. On April 12th I accompanied the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Heckbert and R.W. Bro. Rivers to Joppa Lodge No. 40, Granum, Alberta and on April 13th I attended the Institutional Meeting, of "Foothills Lodge" U.D. in Calgary.

On the whole, I find the lodges in District No. 6 in a very healthy condition and a small net increase in membership may be reported. While some lodges are having a little financial trouble at present, prospects are good. I found the Officers in all Lodges to be capable and proficient in their work, but it would seem there is a great need for more Masonic Research, more lectures in Ancient Masonic lore, as many of our members, particularly new members, seem hungry for Masonic knowledge. If there is a weakness in all of the lodges it would seem to be in the keeping of the Historical Register. In some lodges, it is most deplorable. This Register in one lodge had nothing entered in it since 1935. One lodge did not even have a Registrar. I have taken the necessary measures to correct this.

At every official visit I gave a 40 minute talk, which I called "Our Responsibility to the Free Masons of Tomorrow." In this talk I emphasized the need for us to think and live Masonically, and so set the pattern for

new Masons to emulate. I also stress the importance of educating them, or encouraging them to educate themselves in Ancient Masonic History, the antiquity, the universality of our great Order.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of the Brethren in District No. 6 for their very fine reception and generous hospitality accorded me at all times. I would also like to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for approving my election, so that it has been possible for me to represent you in District No. 6. It has been an honor and a privilege as well as a great pleasure. I would certainly be remiss if I did not thank our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Rivers, who has always been most generous to me when I have needed advice and assistance. My thanks also must go to W. Bro. Osborne, our District Secretary, for his fine work and for having accompanied me on several of my visits.

The past year will always remain as a pleasant memory to me, and I wish to extend to my successor, the very best wishes for a successful and profitable year Masonically. If I can be of service to him at any time, I would be pleased to do so.

C. W. JOHNSON
D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

It has been a pleasure and an honored privilege to have served as your representative in District No. 7. I submit this report of my activities and observations for the year 1955-1956.

DISTRICT MEETING, The District meeting was held in Taber on Thursday, November 10th. Although 101 Brethren registered, of whom 71 were delegates, the attendance was not as large as was expected. Many anticipated an unfavorable change in the weather and the meeting preceded a holiday. ALL Lodges were represented.

Registration commenced at 4 p.m. The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary met with the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries in an informal discussion on various Masonic topics. At 6 p.m. a very delightful banquet was served by the members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

After the banquet and a short period for registration, the meeting was opened at 7:45 p.m. M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Lodge officers were received in due form.

The Grand Master presented the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. to R.W. Bro. W. D. Hay. who thanked the Brethren for their confidence in electing him as District Deputy and for their continued support during his term of office.

Brief reports given by the Masters or other officers indicated that the Lodges of the District were active, were in sound financial condition and had favorable prospects for the future.

The officers of Doric Lodge exemplified the work of the second degree in the Canadian Rite. This provided a basis for questions and discussions which proved of great interest to all the Brethren present.

Nominations for the position of D.D.G.M. for 1956-1957 were made in behalf of W.Bro. R. M. Christie of Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58 and of W.Bro. I. T. Hendry of North Star Lodge No. 4. The vote was in favor of W. Bro. Hendry who was declared elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing

year, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The meeting accepted the invitation of the Lethbridge Lodges to hold the next District meeting in Lethbridge.

The climax of the meeting was the address by the M.W. the Grand Master in which he reviewed Masonic conditions and developments in different parts of the world and spoke on the "Last Will and Testament of a Mason."

Installations and Investitures— I had the pleasure of acting as Installing Master at four Installation ceremonies.

On June 24th, the officers of Diamond City Lodge No. 65, Nobleford Lodge No. 111, and Sharon Lodge No. 157 were installed and invested at a joint ceremony held at Picture Butte. Nobleford Lodge is situated outside District No. 7, but for a number of years it has been the custom for these three Lodges to hold their installation together. Brethren who assisted in the ceremony were R.W.Bro. G. N. McLean, R.W.Bro. J. Melling, R.W.Bro. H. Arthur, R.W.Bro. J. J. Watson, W.Bro. A. Branch, W. Bro. T. M. Allen, W.Bro. A. Koole and W.Bro. T. A. Imeson.

The officers of North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, Charity Lodge No. 67, and York Lodge No. 119 were installed and invested at Lethbridge on December 27th. The Lodge opened at 4:30 p.m., broke off at 6:00 p.m. for a banquet, and resumed labor at 7:30 p.m. One brother who journeyed a long distance to attend the ceremony was R.W. Bro. W. T. Lindgard, who had the pleasure of installing his son, W. Bro. D. H. Lingard, as Master of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39. Brethren who assisted with the principal parts of the ceremony were R.W.Bro. H. G. Stretton, R.W. Bro. P. Jones, R.W.Bro. J. Melling and W.Bro. A. Branch.

The officers of Doric Lodge No. 31 were installed at Taber on the afternoon of December 29th. Brethren who assisted in the ceremony included R.W.Bro. R. H. Anderson, R.W.Bro. A. Stewart, W. Bro. J. C. Hill, W.Bro. O. Jespersen, W.Bro. T. M. Allen and W. Bro. H. McKibben. Following the ceremony the members and their ladies attended a very pleasant banquet.

The officers of Lucerne Lodge No. 159 were installed at Vauxhall on January 5th. W.Bro. J. C. Hill acted as Director of Ceremonies and Brothers J. Terriff, J. T. Whittaker and Elmer Johnson presented the working tools.

Visitations— My official visits were as follows: Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, September 15th; Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge, September 19th; Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58, Cardston, September 20th; Sharon Lodge No. 157, Picture Butte, September 28th; Lucerne Lodge No. 159, Vauxhall, October 4th; Foremost Lodge No. 103, Foremost, October 5th; Doric Lodge No. 31, Taber, October 11th; Century Lodge No. 100 Milk River, November 15th; Diamond City Lodge No. 65, Coalhurst, December 1st; North Star Lodge, No. 4, Lethbridge, December 9th; and York Lodge No. 119, Lethbridge, January 3rd.

All Lodges were visited once and additional visits had commenced when this report was written. Harmony and good fellowship prevailed in all Lodges.

In some Lodges, the historical register is not being kept up-to-date. The neglect has been brought to the attention of the Lodges concerned for several years but in some cases there has been little response.

A review of the financial statements indicate that some Lodges are not in too strong a financial condition. Operating expenses, which have risen in recent years, are not being met by members' dues alone. If other sources of income were not available, some Lodges would find it difficult to operate without a deficit. This condition is not clearly brought out by the present form of financial statement. Some Lodges have a special building account or an interest in a building organization which is not included in the financial statement. The publication and distribution of the financial statement prior to its presentation for approval is a practice followed by some Lodges, that is strongly recommended.

Eight Lodges reported an increase in membership for the year, two had no change and one a net loss. One Lodge had no candidates. This is a small Lodge in a territory which has lost population since the Lodge was organized. Considering the District as a whole, the increase in membership is at about the same rate as in other recent years.

Attendance is not as high as that which might be desired, but is not considered to be in a critical condition, although there is room for improvement. Some Masters are to be commended for their efforts in making their meetings more interesting and bringing out members who had not attended Lodge for some time.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to W. Bro. H. P. Addy who gave me valuable assistance as district secretary, to Doric Lodge for acting as host to the District meeting, to the many Brethren who assisted with installations and who accompanied me on my official visits, and to all the brethren for their help and kind reception during my term of office.

WESLEY SMITH,
D.D.G.M., District No. 7.

DISTRICT NO. 8

It is a pleasure for me to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 8 for the year 1955-1956 as found by me as the representative of the Grand Master for this District.

The District meeting was held in the Masonic Hall of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 at Hillcrest on Monday the 12th Sept. As it turned out the meeting was not as well attended as it might have been had not all the mines been working on that day, and the members from the agricultural end of the District could not afford to lose such a good harvest day as it turned out to be.

The afternoon session consisting of a question and discussion period was quite well attended and proved to be very informative and instructive being directed by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert, ably assisted by the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. E. H. Rivers. It was encouraging to note that most questions were asked by the younger members of the Craft who seemed eager in their quest for Masonic knowledge and guidance, and were visibly impressed with the logic of the answers given.

A splendid dinner prepared by the ladies of Bellcrest Chapter O.E.S. was partaken of by just over 100 brethren at a hall in Bellevue. After the toast to the Queen and the Craft it was deemed fitting as it was the occasion of the 50th anniversary of both our Province and the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with several 50 year members present were likewise honoured amid much enthusiasm.

Your District Deputy Grand Master assisted by the Officers of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the new approved form. The Grand Master, M.W. Brother S. Carl Heckbert, the Grand Senior Warden, R.W.Bro. S. G. Bannan, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers were received in form and introduced by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank and were invited to the East.

Reports of the Lodges in the District were given by the Masters of the Lodges concerned and being good were favorably received.

The Officers and members of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 then exemplified the floor work of the Entered Apprentice Degree in the York rite in a very commendable manner.

Every Mason in the Hall listened with intense interest to the inspiring and thought provoking Address of the Grand Master and will not soon forget the lessons so forcibly put forward by the well chosen thoughts and clear speaking of our Grand Master.

Presentation of Past D.D.G.M. regalia was made to R.W.Bro. E. A. Harper marking the end of a year of useful service as the D.D.G.M. of District No. 8.

W.Bro. Arthur E. Graham of Summit Lodge No. 30 was the unanimous choice of the Brethren as D.D.G.M. for the year 1956-57, and Summit Lodge No. 30 at Coleman was selected as the meeting place for the

Official Visits

ALBERTA No. 3, Fort Macleod, 16th November, 1955.

Being the senior Lodge in our District, it has a grand balance of senior members of a high standard of Craftsmanship which is keenly emulated by an aggressive younger membership which is producing a very efficient organization. Its financial position is sound and records and books well kept and up to date. We witnessed the Fellowcraft degree being conferred and were much impressed. The general atmosphere is good and it is quite evident that harmony prevails.

SPITZIE No. 6, Pincher Creek. 1st November 1955.

This is also one of our senior Lodges and as such has a number of well skilled senior members who by their regular attendance have provided a good example for the younger members and have now a lodge that is workmanlike in every respect. Their finances are in good order, and their records are up to date. Their Historical Register at the time of our official visit was in the hands of a Past Master and I have no doubt that at this writing it will have been completed. An Entered Apprentice Degree. conferred that evening was beautifully and impressively performed and will leave a lasting impression on the candidate as well as the visitors. This lodge lost 5 valuable members to the G.A. of the Universe during the year This is a very friendly lodge and has the true Masonic spirit.

SENTINEL No. 26, Hillcrest 10th November 1955.

The Master Mason Degree was conferred at this meeting by the Officers and members of the Lodge assisted by W. Bro. J. Shevels P.M. The work was done in full regalia and was very impressive, the two Brothers raised that evening will have something to remember. The books and records of this lodge are well kept and all registers are up to date. The finances are on a sound basis, and in a few years the members hope to call the Lodge building their own. An excellent spirit of harmony prevails

which is enhanced by the camaraderie engendered by their unhurried refreshment period.

SUMMIT No. 30, Coleman — 4th November 1955.

We found this Lodge in the hands of a very capable set of officers who are ably assisted and guided by some well-skilled past masters. Their books and records including the Historical Register are up to date and in good order. Their financial situation is good but more or less at a standstill due to the present industrial situation, this situation we hope will get better as time goes on. Summit is a nice Lodge to visit and harmony prevails.

CHINOOK No. 47, Cowley, 21st November 1955.

This lodge is small in numbers but large in enthusiasm and outlook with a grand fraternal spirit emphasized by a few past masters of great skill as was evident by the Master Masons degree which we witnessed. The officers are capable and their books and records are well kept and up to date, attendance is good — depending on the weather — and their prospects are bright.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN No. 86, Blairmore. 8th Nov. 1955.

We witnessed a very impressive and well conducted Master Masons Degree conferred on 2 brothers and decided that the officers and members of this Lodge are ritual conscious and eager to do things right. This lodge is progressing rapidly and the officers are young, capable and energetic. The books and records are up to date and in good order, their financial condition is sound and their future is bright.

General— This Masonic District is divided into two vocational categories, the 3 eastern lodges being in an agricultural area and embracing the Canadian rite ritual, while the 3 western lodges are in an industrial and mining area and favor the Ancient York rite. We find however, that the same Masonic spirit of harmony prevails and unites the District into one common band of friends and brothers.

We find that attendance at the regular meetings could be better and have advocated that each regular delinquent be asked to state his reason for non-attendance so that if the fault lies with the lodge it may be corrected or explained.

The general ritual work in opening and closing the lodges as also in the conferring of degrees has reached a high standard in this district. We have heard no adverse criticism as to the conduct of any of our members and are happy to conclude that there has been no cause.

We are sorry to report that my immediate pre-decessor R.W.Bro. E. A. Harper has been moved out of this District to Winnipeg, but feel sure he will be happy in his new situation and location.

The Travelling Square was in our District during the year and was the cause of a revival in a big way of inter lodge visiting. I accompanied a full bus load of the members of Summit Lodge No. 30 when they escorted the Travelling Square to North Star Lodge No. 4 Lethbridge. It was the occasion for a very enjoyable evening.

I enjoyed the company of W. Bro. F. J. Lote, Bro. C. Plant and W. Bro. J. Shevels and other members from the "Pass" lodges who accompanied me on my official visit. I have made at least 2 visits to each lodge in the District and find that the hospitality of the West is just exactly what it is cracked up to be, and I know that my successor W. Brother Arthur

E. Graham (who is an old friend of mine) will enjoy his tenure of office as much as I have and under his watchful care will maintain the high standard of Masonry which this district presently enjoys.

It is a pleasure to report that there were no signs of disharmony apparent in any of the lodges, and also that as your District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8 I have learned a lot of Masonry during my year of office.

E. C. COSSTICK,
D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

DISTRICT NO. 9

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of the ninth Masonic District, for the year 1955-56.

It has been a pleasure to visit all the Lodges of the district at least once, during my year of office, and gratifying to report that all Lodges, with the exception of one, are active, and peace and harmony prevails.

My first official visit was to Beaver Lodge No. 56, Castor, on September 7th, accompanied by three members of Apollo Lodge. The Master Mason's degree was conferred in a most proficient manner, and the business portion of the meeting was conducted without undue delay. Records were found to be up to date with the exception of the Historical record, which is being looked after.

Monitor Lodge No. 120 was visited in October. The weather was very inclement and consequently the attendance was not good. The members, although having long distances to travel, in order to attend, are very active in their Lodge work. Books were not quite up to date, due to changes in Secretary. There being no degree work, we spent an hour on round table discussion of Masonic Work.

My third visit was to Coronation Lodge No. 72. This was on a very cold windy night, but attendance was larger than expected. The Third degree was conferred, and the Lodge working in the Canadian Rite, I was in no position to criticise. It being the first time that I have seen the degree in that rite, I was much impressed by the way in which W.Bro. Thoroughman conducted the work. The lodge is very active, and is building a new hall which they expect will be finished in 1956. Records are up to date and the Lodge is very active.

My home Lodge, Apollo No. 27, was visited officially on April 5th. After the business proceedings were concluded and balloting for initiation was carried out, the First degree was conferred by the Lodge in a most proficient manner. Apollo Lodge is still maintaining its high standard of Masonry.

Big Valley Lodge No. 140 was very disappointed when on November 4th last, the expected visit of the M. W. Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. The Grand Secretary had to be cancelled on account of a blizzard which blocked all roads. I made my official visit on March 6th. The roads were not good, and most of the members of this lodge have long distances to travel, but good fellowship was manifest in the lodge. Secty. W. Bro. Frank Dewar's books were in excellent order and the Historical Register was up to date.

My last visit was to Ionic Lodge No. 45 Apollo Lodge No. 27 was invited to put on the first degree for Ionic Lodge, with two candidates

being initiated. Members of Apollo Lodge filled all the chairs and gave the lectures and charges. Their efforts were very much appreciated by the members of Ionic.

The membership of this Lodge is very small, but those who are carrying on are very active and interested. The books are in good order.

The District Meeting was held in Stettler on Tuesday August 25th. At 8 p.m. the District Meeting was opened, after which I had the pleasure of receiving you, Most Worshipful Sir, together with the Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers.

W. Bro. William Arthur Lamrock of Coronation was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1956-57, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, and Coronation was selected for the next District Meeting.

In closing, may I express appreciation to all brethren of District No. 9 who made such a pleasant year possible, and a special word of thanks to V. W. Bro. H. Richardson, Secretary of Apollo Lodge, for his help during the year, and to those who accompanied me on my visits to the various Lodges.

M.W. Sir, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor of being your representative for the past year in District No. 9.

H. C. ALLEN
D.D.G.M. District No. 9

DISTRICT NO. 10

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. in District No. 10 for the year 1955-56.

I wish to thank the brethren of the District for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and for the kindly way in which I was received in all lodges during my term of office.

District Meeting— The District Meeting was held in Acacia Masonic Temple at Edmonton, on September 28th, 1955, with 221 in attendance. Grand Lodge officers included M. W. Bro. Carl Heckbert, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Ross Sheppard, D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary; and many others. From 3:00 to 5:30 in the afternoon an informal discussion took place, which also permitted those present to meet the M. W. Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Grand Secretary. This discussion introduced many topics of particular interest to the brethren present, which were ably replied to by the M. W. the G. M. and the Grand Secretary. A delicious turkey dinner was served in the lodge hall by the ladies of Strathcona Presbyterian Church, after which the usual toasts were proposed and replied to.

The District Meeting was opened at 7:45 in the new short form recently adopted by Grand Lodge. The M. W. the G. M. and Grand Lodge officers were then received with Grand Lodge honors and the work of the evening proceeded with. W. Bro. Keith Stewart welcomed the G. M. and Grand Lodge officers in a very capable manner.

There being only one nomination for D.D.G.M., W. Bro. A. E. Meiklejohn of Kitscoty Lodge No. 131 was declared elected, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The P.D.D.G.M., R.W.Bro. J. W. G. Morrison, gave a short review of his year in office, and then was presented with his regalia by the Grand Master.

Excellent reports from all Masters showed every Lodge to be financially sound, with work well done.

Twelve candidates were examined in the 3rd Degree and presented with their aprons by R.W.Bro. Jim McCool in a very able and efficient manner. Due to the fact that the lodge room was filled to capacity, it was found impossible to exemplify the 2nd Degree, which was to have been conferred by Avon Glen Lodge.

The Grand Master then gave a very fine and instructive address which was enjoyed by all. The next District Meeting was scheduled for Vegreville.

Visitations; St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville: I visited this lodge officially on October 3rd, accompanied by two car loads of brethren from Edmonton. The 2nd Degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner. I have also made two unofficial visits to this lodge. Books and historical register are in first-class shape. A large attendance was registered, including many country visitors. A wonderful spirit of harmony prevails.

St. George's Lodge No. 169, Elk Point: I made my official visit to this lodge on October 18th where the 2nd Degree was conferred in a manner worthy of comment. R. W. Bro. Dr. Miller, the Secretary, is a tower of strength to this lodge. His records are in fine shape and his brother Officers and members look to him at all times for advice and guidance. A great many brethren from Avon Glen were present, as well as many other visitors.

St. Alban's Lodge No. 145, St. Paul: My official visit to St. Alban's was made on October 22nd. Visitors were present from Avon Glen and Elk Point Lodges. Matters pertaining to lodge affairs were discussed, followed by exemplification of the 2nd Degree. A spirit of goodfellowship prevails in this lodge. On behalf of the visiting brethren and myself, I extend sincere thanks for a very pleasant evening.

Kitscoty Lodge No. 131, Kitscoty: On the occasion of my official visit to this lodge on October 25th, I had the honor to present the Immediate Past Master with his Apron and Jewel. There were thirteen different lodges represented and the lodge room was filled to capacity. This is a very progressive lodge. They do their work well, and the records of the Lodge are in excellent condition. The 2nd Degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner. A true spirit of brotherhood is evident in this lodge.

Hope Lodge No. 38, Manville: On November 14th I made my official visit to Hope Lodge. A large number of members and visitors were present. A very enjoyable evening was spent, both in the lodge room and at the banquet table. A number of questions were asked regarding the work, and answered satisfactorily. The books and records are well kept, and a spirit of harmony and unity prevails.

Vermilion Lodge No. 24, Vermilion: My official visit to this lodge on November 22nd marked a very special visit for me as I was introduced by the M.W. the Grand Master, an honor I greatly appreciated. The 3rd Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Brimacombe, a Mason of over 50 years standing, and his brother officers. It was an inspiration to all present to witness this fine work, and our worthy Bro. is a shining example to younger brethren. A large number of visitors were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The records are in very good condition and up to date Benevolence is an outstanding feature of this lodge, and the real friendship the brethren have for each other is always evident.

Empire Lodge No. 63, Edmonton: I visited this lodge on January 5th accompanied by a large number of visitors. The 2nd Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Cyril Head. His late father was a very dear friend of mine; a Past Master of this lodge, who was called to higher service some years ago. The work was well done and the books and records are in fine shape. The evening, both in the lodge room and at the banquet table was very pleasant.

Norwood Lodge No. 90, Edmonton: Accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, a large deputation from Avon Glen, and many other visitors, I made my official visit to Norwood Lodge on January 17th. This was the largest meeting of my entire list of official visits. The 2nd Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. L. O. Sanders and officers, in a very efficient and capable manner. From close observation, I can safely say that Masonry in its truest sense thrives in Norwood Lodge. All records are exceptionally well kept by W. Bro. Barson, Secretary, who takes a keen interest in his work.

Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton: My official visit to Acacia, the largest lodge in District No. 10, was made on February 9th, when a number of Grand Lodge officers and a large number of visitors were present. Since this was their regular meeting night, this was the only lodge in the district that did not have degree work on my official visits. However, the opening and closing and routine business was done in a very capable manner, and the records are methodically kept by the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Ken McTavish. The lodge is very active and the harmony and whole-hearted co-operation which comprises the true spirit of Masonry is very evident in this lodge.

Avon Glen No. 170, Edmonton: My last official visit was to Avon Glen, the youngest lodge in the district, on February 15th. This is my own lodge and naturally, I am very proud of its progress. The W. M. Bro. Ken Crockett and his officers take their work most seriously and an aggressive spirit is very evident amongst its members which promises much for the future of Avon Glen Lodge. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Puffer, is most efficient and all books and records are in excellent condition. I am particularly pleased with the hearty welcome and good fellowship extended to the visitors by members of this lodge.

General In summing up Masonry in District No. 10 during the past year, may I say that there is an enthusiasm prevalent in all lodges which is a very gratifying situation. I have recommended for the consideration of the Committee on Condition of Free-masonry, that when a new D.D.G.M. is elected that he accompany the District Deputy on his official visits, thereby becoming acquainted with the brethren and their problems in the various lodges, and fitting himself to better serve his district when installed in office.

Our 50th Anniversary was held in Edmonton on October 14th and was a wonderful get-together well attended by the brethren of District No. 10.

Our curling event for the year was held at Vegreville on February 18th, with 26 rinks competing. This has become an annual affair which is much enjoyed by the members of the District, bringing them closer together and promoting good fellowship.

The Grand Lodge bulletins are distributed and read by most lodges and are a wonderful source of education for all.

I have visited all lodges officially and unofficially several times. I find they are doing their work well and are progressing steadily from year to year.

During my term of office I have tried to stress the importance of the following.

1. Keeping in closer touch with our members.
2. Trying to bring back to active membership those who apparently have lost interest.
3. The need of visitations to sister lodges.

I am pleased to say that these ideas are being put into practice by many in District No. 10. Side benchers' nights, conducted by capable Past Masters, is a wonderful idea to keep the younger brethren active. In many lodges where there is a great influx of members, there is no end of talent.

Papers given by a Grand Lodge officer, Past Master or brother on Masonic education and instruction are also very helpful and are being programmed by a great many lodges in this district at the present time.

In Conclusion, I extend to the officers and members of Avon Glen Lodge; to my efficient Secretary W. Bro. W. K. Agnew; and to R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary my sincere thanks for your wonderful help during my term of office.

To you, M.W.G.M., it has been a great honor to have acted as your representative, and I wish to thank you for your splendid co-operation and advice.

To my successor, W. Bro. A. E. Meiklejohn of Kitscoty Lodge, I say, "may you have the pleasure and support I have had during my term of office."

CHARLIE SINCLAIR

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

DISTRICT NO. 11

I herewith respectfully submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 11 for the year 1955-56.

My first pleasant duty after being installed at the Grand Lodge Communication June 8th 1955, was to act as installing master at a joint installation of officers for Robert Burns Lodge No. 49 and Cresset Lodge No. 136, held in Carmanagay in June. These two Lodges work under the Canadian Rite.

District Meeting— The District Meeting was held in Champion in the Champion Masonic Hall on Nov. 2nd, 1955. The afternoon was spent in informal meeting: The M.W. Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Grand Secretary were in attendance to answer questions and give advice on any problems that arose. The Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges deriving much information re their respective duties from this informal period.

The Ladies of the Eastern Star catered to a very fine dinner and 78 Brethren availed themselves of their culinary arts at 6:30 in the Champion Community Hall. The duties of Toast Master were ably handled by Bro. T. B. Holm. The toast to Grand Lodge officers was proposed by Bro. E. Beechman of Milo, and replied to by M. W. Bro. Carl Heckbert. Visitors toast proposed by W. Bro. K. Bloxham and replied to by W. Bro. R. Kotkas. Toast to the Ladies proposed by W. Bro. F. Cool and replied to by the Matron of the Eastern Star, Mrs. H. Ferguson.

The meeting was then opened in the Masonic Hall at 8:00 o'clock by your District Deputy Grand Master. At 8:15 the M. W. Grand Master C. Heckbert and other Grand Lodge officers were received with dignity and accorded the Grand Honors. The business of the meeting was carried out as customary. All Lodges in the District being represented by their master or proxies.

R. W. J. Thurber gave a comprehensive report of masonry in the District as he found it during his year of office. Thanking the Brethren for their co-operation and wishing his successor a very favorable and pleasant term, the full regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. was then presented to him most capably by the M. W. Grand Master Bro. C. Heckbert. R. W. Bro. Rivers, Grand Secretary, gave a short talk on the rulings of the Committee on the work.

Nomination for the office of D.D.G.M. was then called for.

As a result of the ballot W. Bro. Kotkas was declared elected as D.D.G.M. for District No. 11, for the ensuing year. An invitation to hold the 1956 District Meeting at the Cresset Lodge room in Barons was accepted. An exemplification of the E.A. Degree was given in an efficient manner by the degree teams of Vulcan Lodge No. 74, which was favorably commented on by R. W. Bro. Rivers.

A hearty vote of thanks was given M. W. Bro. Dawson for the splendid Trophy he donated to the annual District Bonspiel.

M. W. Bro. Dawson addressed the meeting in his inimitable style, leaving with the Brethren thoughts well worth their consideration.

The M.W. Grand Master Bro. C. Heckbert gave a very fine address touching on his duties and travels while holding his present position. I'm sure the Brethren were all more or less envious of the vast amount of knowledge and experience that he has gathered through his association with the craft, and with the able manner in which he passes on his knowledge to others.

I had the pleasure of visiting every Lodge in the District officially twice, and really enjoyed the hospitality and goodfellowship that always prevailed. I hope that in some small measure I was able to assist them in our grand aim of promoting closer harmony and better understanding of our great fraternity. I acted as installing Master at six Installation Ceremonies, with the assistance of other worthy Brethren to whom I am greatly indebted. My deep gratitude goes out to them all for their kind co-operation.

The Lodges; Robert Burns No. 49. Membership is 44, and is a well established Lodge, owning their own hall and a stable financial standing. Their officers are competent and well versed in our Masonic Lore. Conferring in the past year, one each of our established degrees.

Vulcan Lodge No. 74. Membership 107. Is one of the most active Lodges in the District. Each degree was conferred three times this year. Their annual Fowl Supper is one of the year's high lights and is attended by Brethren from many parts of the Alberta Jurisdiction. They are not owners of their own building, but are quite comfortable as they are able to rent the I.O.O.F. building for their meetings. Financially sound and well covered by insurance. Their Lodge notices show considerable amount of planning and thought, with each one contributing to the elevation of the mind. Two members passed to their undiscovered country during the year.

Champion Lodge No. 84.

Membership 62. Are well established, owning their hall and in a sound financial position. Although no degrees were conferred in the past year, prospects are bright for 1956, as applications are now in the hands of committees. No extra activities were conducted in the past year. The officers are well versed in our ancient rites. Two of their members passed to the great beyond during the year.

Nobleford Lodge No. 111.

Membership 30. Although 11 are resident members, their attendance is 100%, and their interest is possibly the highest in the District, their hospitality unsurpassed. They conferred one each of our degrees, and even under the handicap of so small a membership, do a very capable job. One of their members passed on to his reward above. They use the Community Hall to hold their meetings, and owe no man.

Granite Lodge No. 127, Blackie.

Membership 89. Is a most active and well skilled Lodge. Each degree was conferred four times in the past year, and more seem to be in the offing. Granite Lodge is very particular as to the type of member they admit to their Masonic circle, and a complete investigation is made on each candidate. The quality of membership is therefore high. They own their own hall and are well covered with insurance. They are replacing any furniture needed, as their finances permit. One member was lost last year to the grim reaper.

Cresset Lodge No. 136, Barons.

Membership 46. Is a very active Lodge, with a high regard for Masonic Tradition. One each of the degrees were conferred during the year. Cresset Lodge have in their midst some Past Grand Lodge Officers who take a very active part in all Lodge affairs. The incoming D.D.G.M. is a member of Cresset also. They own their own hall and are not in debt. although their surplus cash is not in abundance their prospects are good. As the home of the Annual Masonic Bonspiel, they have built up an enviable reputation for hospitality and good fellowship.

Milo Lodge No. 172.

Membership 15. The youngest and smallest of the Lodges in the District have experienced some difficulty in their Lodge. Friction between some of the Brethren caused the Master Elect to resign before installation, which of course did not help harmonious operation. Grand Lodge and myself were most concerned about their welfare, and everything possible was done to aid and assist them to return to an even keel. A dispensation was granted for the election of a new Master. This was carried out and the officers duly installed. I being invited to act as Installing Master, did so with the assistance of R. W. Bro. J. Steeves, Wor. Bro. L. Voisey and Bro. H. Ferguson. This Lodge has a very good start as they already own their own hall, and are financially sound. The work of the officers is very good, and they conferred each of the three degrees once. Their outlook is good, if they are able to work out their inner frictions, that are in the main most trivial, I feel sure that as the years go by, Milo Lodge will be a credit to themselves and the Fraternity. I had three very fine visits with them and was never more welcome or better received. I know that the best wishes of the whole District go out to them.

The Game Supper held in Vulcan on Nov. 1, 1955, was again the outstanding success, as in the past. Well managed and conducted, their hos-

pitality was enjoyed by many of the Brethren of this District, as well as other Districts.

The Second Annual Masonic Bonspiel was held in Barons with Cresset Lodge No. 136 as hosts. A delightful supper was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, which some 60 Brethren greatly enjoyed. The Dawson Trophy was won by Bro. E. Munro's rink from Vulcan, by a narrow margin. Cresset Lodge is to be congratulated on the capable manner in which they conducted the Bonspiel, and made possible a day of fellowship and Masonic Fraternalism.

In conclusion, M. W. Bro. Heckbert, may I say it has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your representative; my thanks to you, Sir, for assistance and good advice that was always available to me in times of need. My thanks also to R.W. Bro. Rivers and all the officers and Brethren of District No. 11. Their kind co-operation made all my duties pleasurable. The Masonic Condition of District No. 11 leaves nothing to be desired. And with this spirit so in evidence throughout the Lodges, Masonry is assured of prosperity.

To my successor, Wor. Bro. Rudy Kotkas of Cresset Lodge No. 136, my congratulations and a wish for a most pleasant and useful term of office. May he enjoy the fellowship of his Brothers in Masonry as I have done this past year.

J. H. BUCHAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

DISTRICT NO. 12

I wish to submit for your approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 12 for the year 1955 - 1956.

The District Meeting was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on September 27th, 1955.

The Meeting began at 4 p.m. with an informal gathering in the library. At 6 p.m. the Brethren gathered for dinner in the Banquet room. The District Meeting was officially opened at 7:30 p.m. by the District Deputy Grand Master with the assistance of the Officers of Patricia Lodge.

It was my pleasure to receive the Most Worshipful Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers at this time.

The second or F. C. Degree was exemplified by the W. Master and Officers of Patricia Lodge and all questions pertaining to the same were answered by the Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Brother W. M. Atkin of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1956-1957, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

As is not always the case, there was representation from all Lodges in the District.

I was able to visit all the Lodges in the District at least once and some several times, and was extremely pleased with the progress being made by some of the rural Lodges.

My Official visits were made as follows:

Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 - October 3rd.; Whitecourt No. 153 - October 6th; Mayerthorpe No. 148 - October 11th; West Edmonton No. 101 November 2nd; Patricia No. 91 - November 18th; Pembina No. 126 -

December 5th; Onoway No. 138 - December 7th; Saskatchewan No. 92 - February 9th; Jasper No. 14, Feb. 13th.

At all lodges I found the Officers well in command of their work and that harmony, charity and fellowship were carried out in a high Masonic degree. The outlook for Masonry in District No. 12 is very good in all Lodges but one, it's trouble being that most of its members seem to be moving away. However, this may be overcome.

I deem it a great honor and privilege to have served under you Most Worshipful Sir as the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12 And in this year of 50th Anniversary of Masons in Alberta.

My thanks to the Lodges and Brethren of the district for the confidence placed in me, and for the warm welcome extended me wherever I went. A special thanks to W. Brother Reg. Parton for his valuable help and assistance as District Secretary. May I, at this time, wish W. Brother Atkin a successful year and may he enjoy the same co-operation extended me.

WM. G. LEWIS,
D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

DISTRICT NO. 13

I have the honor to submit for your approval report of my activities in the district during the year.

The annual District Meeting was held at Wembley, in the auditorium of the new school, on July 6th., 1955. Registration commenced at 2 p.m. The meeting convened and closed at 3:20 p.m., using the new form of opening, with the various chairs being filled by brethren from Lake Saskatchewan Lodge No. 106, Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, and Sexsmith Lodge No. 160, and myself presiding. All Lodges were represented with the exception of Spirit River Lodge No. 116 the total attendance being 86.

It was my honor at this time to receive the Most Worshipful the Grand Master M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, attended by M. W. Bro. Sam Harris P.G.M., Rt. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary and a number of P.D.D.G.Ms' of District No. 13. Grand Honors were accorded the M.W. the Grand Master, who on approaching the East thanked the Brethren for the splendid turn out and friendly and brotherly reception he had received.

At 5 p.m. the meeting was called to refreshment to attend a banquet served by the ladies of the United Church at Wembley, and at which we were royally entertained by a sing-song led by W. Bro. A.M. Carlisle, and a reading by Rt. W. Bro. D. W. Patterson. The meeting resumed labour at 8 p.m., the Second Degree was exemplified by the officers of Hythe Lodge No. 156, after which Rt. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, gave a short talk on how Degree Work should be conducted. M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, very capably presented Rt. W. Bro. H. J. Murray, with the regalia of P.D.D.G.M., Rt. W. Bro. H. J. Murray suitably replied thanking the district for the fine reception he had been accorded during his term as D.D.G.M.

W. Bro. A. Richardson, of Northland Lodge No. 147, Fairview, was unanimously elected as D.D.G.M., for the year 1956-57, and Fairview, was chosen as the place of the next District Meeting.

Rt. W. Bro. J. B. Oliver, gave the meeting a short historical talk on Masonry in District No. 13, covering the last forty years. M. W. Sam Harris P. G. M., and Rt. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers Grand Secretary, each

gave short talks on progress in Masonry, which was followed by a very educational address by M. W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, Grand Master, on his trip to Cuba.

The District Meeting closed in Peace and Harmony at 11:10 p.m.

Official Visits;— Wahpun Lodge No. 88. On September, 8th 1955, I made my official visit to this lodge, I was introduced by Rt. W. Bro. V. Maurice P.D.D.G.M. Due to it being harvest time the attendance was small as the membership of the lodge is made up largely of farmers. The E. A. Degree was very efficiently conferred on two candidates. The Lodge owns its Lodge hall, the books were well kept and a good spirit prevails, the historical register was found to be up to date. This lodge was represented at Grand Lodge in June and also at the 50th., Anniversary in Edmonton in October.

Northland Lodge No. 147, Fairview, My next visit was made to Northland Lodge No. 147, on the evening of Sept., 13th., 1955. Rt. W. Bro. Gordon Hull introduced me, and I was received in a very friendly and warm manner by the twenty three members present. The Worshipful Master, with his officers put on the First Degree, with two candidates in a very excellent manner. The lodge holds its meetings in a rented hall but they are planning to build a hall of their own in the near future. I found the Secretary's books to be in good order with the exception of the historical register which was one year behind. Good fellowship prevails among the Brethren. This lodge was not represented at Grand Lodge, due to bad roads. W. Bro. L. C. French represented it at the 50th., Anniversary in October.

Peace River Lodge No. 89 Peace River. My next official visit was made to Peace River Lodge No. 89, on October 6th. This was a well attended meeting there being sixty members present to welcome us, I was introduced to the lodge by Rt. W. Bro. C. W. Campsall. Wor. Bro. Thor Forseth and his officers had their work up well, the Secretary's books were all in order and Masonic fellowship was present among all members, the lodge owns a very fine lodge hall and is financially well off. This lodge was not represented at Grand Lodge in June, but the Wor. Master attended the 50th., Anniversary in Edmonton in October. Masonic progress can be looked for from this lodge.

Hythe Lodge No. 156, Hythe. Accompanied by several Brethren of my own lodge and from Grande Prairie Lodge, I made my official visit as D.D.G.M., on October 27th., 1955, to Hythe Lodge No. 156. At this meeting I was introduced by Rt. W. Bro. N. H. Swallow, and was given a most friendly welcome, there being forty three members present the business was conducted in a snappy business like manner. The books of the lodge were all found in good order, with the finances in good shape. The M. M. Degree was conferred on two members in a good manner. This lodge was not represented at Grand Lodge in 1955, so a report of this was given. Bro. E. W. Smith, represented this lodge at Edmonton at the 50th., Anniversary in October.

Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, Grande Prairie. My official visit to Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, was made on November 10th., 1955, a number of members again from my own lodge accompanied me to this meeting. I was introduced by V. Wor. Bro. W. J. N. Leslie. This was a regular meeting conducted in very efficient way by W. Bro. James Hall, who with his officers, put on the E. A. Degree with three candidates in a very impressive way. This Lodge owns its own hall, is financially sound and good fellowship was found to prevail. Wor. Bro. Hall and V. Wor.

Bro. W. J. Leslie represented this lodge at Grand Lodge in June and it was well represented at the 50th., Anniversary held in Edmonton October 14th., 1955. I can only expect good Masonic progress from this lodge.

Lake Saskatoon No. 106, Wembley. On November 3rd., 1955, I made my official visit to my own Lodge, Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, accompanied by many of the members of Grand Prairie Lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. John Smith introduced me and I was received in a royal manner, by the Master and twenty three members present, it made me proud to be a Mason. I found the books of the lodge in good order with all entries made up to date, this lodge has been active the past year with three new members received. The F. C. Degree, was very well put on at this meeting. Harmony and good fellowship prevail throughout this lodge. This lodge was represented at Grand Lodge in June, and was represented by Rt. W. Bro. Grant, Rt. W. Bro. R. E. Campbell, W. Bro. Stan Exstrom and myself at the 50th., Anniversary.

Spirit River Lodge No. 116, Spirit River. Accompanied by members of Grande Prairie Lodge, on November 21st., 1955, I visited Spirit River Lodge No. 116. This was a cold stormy night, but in spite of the weather there were twenty six members in all present. I found the books and financial conditions of this lodge in good order. The M. M. Degree was ably conferred on two members with all the officers knowing their work well. This lodge was not represented at Grand Lodge in June nor at the 50th Anniversary in October, so a short report of both of these events was outlined by V. W. Bro. Leslie and myself. A good spirit of Masonry is present in this lodge.

Sexsmith Lodge No. 160, Sexsmith. December 6th., 1955, was the date of my official visit to Sexsmith Lodge No. 160, accompanied again by many Grande Prairie Brethren. I was introduced by V. Wor. Bro. C. R. Gathercole and welcomed by Wor. Bro. J. D. McPhail. The Master and his officers opened and conducted the Lodge business in a very nice way, the books of the Lodge are well kept, the finances are sound. Prospects are bright. This Lodge was not represented at Grand Lodge, in June, nor at the 50th., Anniversary in October, so a brief outline of these events were given by V. Wor. Bro. Leslie.

At all of my official visits, I tried to impress upon the members that it was their duty to become better Masons, by rededicating themselves to Freemasonry in this our Golden Jubilee Year. Generally, I found Freemasonry in District No. 13 to be making steady progress, which should continue for years to come. Good Masonic Fellowship and Harmony are in evidence in every Lodge. The work is being carried on by the officers and members in a sincere manner for the good of the Craft.

May I express thanks to the Brethren of District No. 13, for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M., and also for their co-operation and kindly reception when I visited the various lodges. I visited every Lodge officially once and was able to attend, unofficially, a number of the Lodges.

I am indebted to Rt. Wor. Bro. N. H. Swallow, who acted as my District Secretary, as well as for his congenial company as a travelling companion, as he attended all the meetings with me. He addressed every meeting pointing out the importance of District Meetings, he urged all members to attend their own Lodge meetings and take part in them; this was a great help to me. Also I want to say thanks, to Wor. Bro. R. S. Young, V. Wor. Bro. W. J. N. Leslie, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Murray, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. B. Oliver, Rt. Wor. Bro. D. W. Patterson, and others who helped in so many ways to make my year of office a most successful one.

In closing I wish to say, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 13, during the year of 1955-56. Especially so as 1955 was the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Finally I wish to extend to my successor, Wor. Bro. A. Richardson, my very best wishes for a successful year.

ROBERT E. NEWCOM
D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

DISTRICE NO. 14

I submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 14 for 1955-56.

The District Meeting was held in Delia, on August 30th. 1955.

There was a good attendance, especially at the banquet and evening meeting, in spite of the fact that harvest operations were in progress throughout the District.

Lodge was opened at 3:00 p.m. by the D.D.G.M. The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were introduced by R. W. Bro. D. H. Campbell, accorded Grand Honors and escorted to the East. Exemplification of the First Degree was carried out by the officers of Hand Hill Lodge No. 98.

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 3:55 p.m. to attend an open forum, which proved very informative, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary answering many questions, and leading a keen discussion.

At 6:30 p.m. a splendid banquet was served by the ladies of the O.E.S. in the Canadian Legion Hall. A toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by R. W. Bro. L. E. Helmer and ably replied to by the M. W. Grand Master.

Lodge was called from refreshment to labour at 8:10 P.M.

The reports of the Lodges in the District were given, and also the report of the I.P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. E. O. Coultis.

W. Bro. F. G. Thompson was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and Craigmyle was chosen as the host for the 1956 District Meeting. The meeting concluded with a very interesting and instructive address delivered by the M.W. Grand Master.

I have visited all Lodges with the exception of Oyen No. 104. Two attempts to visit this Lodge were thwarted by blizzards, but I hope to make the visit before the end of the year.

The work of the Lodges is well done in most cases, officers and secretaries are efficient. Most of the lodges are remiss in keeping up the Historical Register.

Dates of Visits were as Follows; Crocus Lodge No. 115, Oct. 25th. 1955; Berry Creek Lodge No. 158, Oct. 26th.; Empress Lodge No. 161, Oct. 27th.; Hanna No. 78, Nov. 7th.; Craigmyle No. 132, Dec. 13th.; Hand Hill No. 98, Nov. 23rd. and Acadia Lodge No. 82, March 24th. 1956.

Important or interesting events worthy of note included the following;

Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 celebrated their 25th. anniversary on Oct. 26th. with a large attendance, many non-resident members having traveled long distances to be present, visitors included M.W.Bro. A. D. Cumming, P.G.M. and R.W.Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary.

On the occasion of my visit to Empress Lodge No. 161 on Oct. 27th., I was pleased to meet a goodly number of Brethren from neighboring Saskatchewan Lodges.

At Hanna Lodge No. 78, on Nov. 7th., The M. M. Degree was very capably conferred on Bro. A. A. Hutton and his son. Another son was I.P.M. and a third was J.W. at that time.

R.W.Bro. L. E. Helmer, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 14, was present at a meeting of Brooks Lodge No. 73 on Feb. 21st. 1956 when his grandson, Ronny Summerbell was raised to the Third Degree. R.W.Bro. Helmer was raised in Brooks Lodge in 1926, and W.Bro. Summerbell, father of Ronny was also raised in Brooks Lodge many years ago.

I have enjoyed the year as D.D.G.M. and thank the Brethren of District No. 14 for the hospitality and friendship extended to me. I wish to my successor W.Bro. F. G. Thompson, the best success. I also thank Bro. J. H. Brunner for his assistance as a willing and efficient District Secretary.

G. M. HEWSON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

I have the honor to present, for your approval my report as your Deputy in Masonic District No. 15 for the year 1955-56.

The District meeting was held in Bashaw in the lodge room of Fidelity No. 76 on Thursday October 20, 1955.

Registration commenced at 3:00 p.m. and over 100 members from all the seven Lodges in the District signed the register.

An informal meeting and discussion of great interest to all the Brethren present was held from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Grand Secretary and R.W. Bro. J. A. Marshall of Fidelity No. 76 were particularly interesting in their thought provoking questions and time for adjournment came all too soon for us.

An enjoyable banquet was served in the basement of the Masonic hall by the ladies of Trinity Chapter O.E.S. with all the usual toasts being given.

I had the pleasure of opening the District meeting at 8 P.M. with the officers of Fidelity No. 76 and receiving M.W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers in due and ancient form.

The Worshipful masters of all the Lodges in the District then gave their reports. St. Andrews Lodge No. 66 of Trochu then exemplified the Fellowcraft Degree in an able manner.

Wor. Bro. W. T. Paterson of St. Andrews No. 66 of Trochu was elected D.D.G.M. for 1956-57 subject to the approval of the Grand Master. He invited the District to hold their next meeting at Trochu.

The address given by the M.W. the Grand Master was very inspiring and left the Brethren many things to remember and moralize upon.

During the year I visited each lodge in the district once officially and several lodges on other occasions. I had planned on much more visiting but our business was destroyed by fire in January and this took a lot of my time.

I found the meetings well attended, even though the weather was quite severe, and a strong spirit of Fraternalism present in every Lodge. The outlook for the future is very bright.

Nearly all the Lodges have been doing something for the young men of their communities in the form of Boys Nights or Father and Son banquets. I was very pleased to see this.

I am sorry to report that with the exception of Irricana Lodge No. 137 and Cyprus Lodge No. 113 the Historical Registers are not up to date and I strongly urged the Brethren to remedy this so that the next D.D.G.M. can report them in good order. The other books are well kept and the lodges are to be congratulated on their choice of Secretary.

The Annual Masonic Bonspiel for District No. 15 was a great success again this year with the Brethren of Irricana Lodge No. 137 being the hosts. We were very pleased to have two rinks present from Grand Lodge and hope that this is just the start of having their company every year.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your Deputy in District No. 15 and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Brethren for bestowing this honour upon me. I greatly appreciated the company of the Brethren of Fidelity No. 76 on my visits throughout the district. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Wor. Bro. Stephen Read for being such a good District Secretary.

I would like to thank you Most Worshipful Sir for approving my election as your District Deputy in District No. 15. I am grateful for this honour and can assure you that if I can be of any help to the Masonry in the future I will only be too pleased to fulfil any duty to the best of my ability.

B. W. HOLT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

DISTRICT NO. 16

I herewith submit for your consideration my report as your D.D.G.M. for the District No. 16 for the year 1955 and 56.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Drumheller on August 31st. The attendance was small owing to harvesting being in full swing at the time but all lodges were represented, and the customary fine Masonic spirit of this District was much in evidence.

The informal meeting in the afternoon was marked by spirited yet friendly discussions, principally on the rulings of the Committee on the Work.

After a banquet catered by the ladies of Ruth Chapter No. 55 O.E.S. the District meeting was opened at 8:00 P.M. Much light and information was derived from the talks and discussions during the meeting, which was highlighted by the address of the M.W. the Grand Master.

Wor. Bro. Norman Watson of Standard Lodge No. 152 was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and Standard was selected as the place of meeting for 1956.

Each Lodge in the District has been visited once officially, and I hope to complete a second visit to each before the year ends.

I found all lodges very enthusiastic in their work, the meetings well attended, and a fine Masonic spirit prevalent throughout the District. All degree work witnessed was well and effectively done.

My District Secretary, Wor. Bro. T. Seland accompanied me on all my official visits and proved very helpful and co-operative.

It has been a great privilege and honor, M.W. Sir, to serve as your D.D.G.M. in District No. 16, and I sincerely thank the officers and members of each Lodge for the kind and courteous manner in which I was received on all my visits, and for their great friendliness at all times.

It was a special privilege to be a D.D.G.M. during the jubilee year of our Grand Lodge, and to be present at the Especial Communication in Edmonton on Oct. 14th.

Addendum— Since writing the above I visited Hussar Lodge No. 130 and witnessed something so unusual that I consider it worthy of mention in this report; that is the presence of a father and his five sons at the Lodge meeting. All were initiated in and are still members of Hussar Lodge. They are;

R.W.Bro. W. A. Treacy, the father
Wor.Bro. J. L. Treacy Worshipful Master
Wor.Bro. W. J. Treacy, P.M.
Bro. L. E. Treacy, presently J. W.
Bro. G. A. Treacy, presently living in Edmonton.
Bro. R. M. Treacy, presently living in Calgary.

W. A. MacCRIMMON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

It has been a great privilege and an honor to serve you this past year as District Deputy Grand Master in District No. 17 and I wish to submit my report of my activities in the District during my term in office.

First I would like at this time to thank the Brethren of the District for electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also for the co-operation, and kind reception of my official visits. I would also like at this time to thank W. Brother Vic. Torrance who acted as my secretary, and attended all my Official visits; even if they were made in either stormy weather or muddy roads.

The District meeting was held in Irma on August 24th. A fair number of Brethren from the District were present but I felt that there were many reasons why more could not come; some were away on holidays; some on business; and as a large number of our members are farmers in this

District many of these were either haying or harvesting.

However we had an informal meeting in the afternoon with the M.W. Grand Master M. W. Bro. Carl Heckbert, and the Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers.

In the evening I as D.D.G.M. opened Lodge in the form as set out by Grand Lodge, and the M.W. Grand Master was then received with Grand Honors, and he was accompanied to the Grand Secretary and several other P.G. Lodge officers.

District business was then discussed, and W. Bro. Reishus of Connaught Lodge, Viking was elected unanimously to be our D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

The meeting was brought to a close by a wonderful talk by the Grand Master. M. W. Bro. Carl Heckbert comes from our part of the Province, and also from a country Lodge. I think this has given Masonry a great boost in the Country Lodges.

This was a very hard year for visiting in this part of the country; as the weather was cold, and the roads drifted all winter. I have two visits to make as yet. On Tues., April 17th, I will visit Palestine Lodge at Tofield. But as the Grand Secretary wishes this report in by the 15th I will report on this Lodge as in good condition as I am personally acquainted with the Master; I know it is in good hands. They had the sad misfortune of losing their secretary W. Bro. Richardson by death. I also personally knew W. Bro. Richardson and feel for the Brethren of Palestine in the loss of their brother.

I notified Albion Lodge at Chauvin that I would visit there at their April meeting, but two days before the meeting the road to Chauvin became impassable; so I shall visit there on May the 3rd.

My first visit was at Buffalo Park Lodge in December. This is the largest Lodge in the District, and they always seem to have degree work. The night I was there they put on the Third Degree in a very efficient manner. I also visited there last week and saw the Second degree work.

I visited Connaught in Viking in 30 degree below weather in January and in spite of the weather there was a large attendance. There the Brethren put on the First degree in good form. Their Master has employment in the city for the winter, but P.M. Wor. Bro. Taylor has taken over in a very efficient manner. I also returned to Viking two weeks later to attend the funeral of P.M., W. Bro. L. Loades. This was well attended by the Brethren.

I visited my home lodge at Irma in January and while we have had a quiet year we now have three candidates for initiation in waiting.

I visited Edgerton Lodge in April and while the roads were muddy they had fair attendance. The Brethren seemed well up on their work and the spirit of harmony prevailed.

I visited Dynamic Lodge in Holden also in April and also ran into mud and snow storms; even so one Bro. who was at Vegreville some 60 miles away drove all the way home to Lodge that night. Friendliness and harmony prevailed in the Lodge.

I am pleased to report that the Masonic spirit among the Brethren is very good indeed. The Lodges all seem to be in capable hands. The work is done well, the Historical Register seems to be well kept in all the Lodges. In all the Lodges peace and harmony prevails, and I was received into all Lodges with kindness and friendliness and I have met many new masons and made many more friends for which I am very happy for after all that is Masonry. I am just sorry that the weather and roads were so tough during my stay in office; because had it not been for these

two factors I surely would have done more visiting. There is one thing I feel and that is that there is not enough visiting between the Lodges, and I would surely like to see more of this done.

This year will always remain a pleasant memory to me; it has been a pleasure and an honour to have served you; Most Worshipful Bro. Carl Heckbert, and I still hope to visit your home Lodge before my term of office expires. Weather and roads permitting.

CLIFFORD S. SMALLWOOD
D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

I have the honor and pleasure to submit my report on the condition and activities of Masonry in District No. 18, for the term 1955-56.

All Lodges in my district were visited officially at least once before the end of 1955, and all installations were attended, except one, when two of the country lodges installed on the same evening. A number of unofficial visits were made and will be made up until the expiration of my term in June of 1956.

At all meetings the handling of the business of the lodges, and the degree work was done in a most satisfactory manner. There has been a tendency for each lodge to conform to standard procedure, as laid down by Grand Lodge, where slight differences have occurred in the past.

During 1955, the membership of the District was increased from 1681 to 1746, a net gain of 65. All lodges in the district are enthusiastic and are in a sound financial condition. I regret to state that although the total number of members has increased by 65, the total average attendance at our meetings has not shown any appreciable increase.

It is pleasing to note however, that many of the lodges are striving to include some form of Masonic Education at the regular meetings, and this is on the increase. Many masters are endeavoring to include some worthwhile community enterprise during their term of office. This past year one lodge played host to a group of orphan children from Oklahoma, while another lodge provided an all-day outing to some young school children from Ontario. One lodge welcomed a lodge from Great Falls, Montana, on a special invitation, which it is hoped will be returned at some future date.

A joint Church Parade was held by Districts one and eighteen in First Baptist Church, on Sunday, November 27th, at which 112 Masons were present.

The District Meeting of District No. 18 was held in Crescent Masonic Hall on Wednesday, November 18th, through the kindness of the W. M. and Brethren of Crescent No. 87. 105 Masons attended and were inspired by the address given by yourself on this occasion. As only one nomination was received for the office of D.D.G.M. for 1956-57, V. W. Bro. J. H. Jordan of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54 was declared elected D.D.G.M. of District No. 18 for 1956-57, subject to the Grand Master's approval.

One of the highlights of the past year in District 18 was the formation of a new lodge in Calgary, on the North Hill. This lodge, named Jubilee, in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Grand Lodge in Alberta has the names of 50 Brethren as Charter Members, which also commemorates the 50th Anniversary. This Lodge was instituted on January 17th,

1956 by yourself, M.W.Sir, and from all observations will be a credit to the Masonic Order on the North Hill. This Lodge will meet on the Fourth Friday of each month at Crescent Masonic Hall.

At all my visits to the different Lodges I was extremely pleased with the warmth and friendliness of my reception. My thanks go to my District Secretary, W. Bro. W. Turner for his loyal support and I should like to state that it has been a distinct honor and pleasure to have been permitted to represent you, M. W. Sir, in District 18 for the term 1955-56.

F. SYDNEY BIRD
D.D.G.M. District 18.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

I have the honour to present, for your approval, my report as D.D.G.M. for District No. 19 for the year 1955-56. On Sept. 14th; 55 I visited Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71, Athabasca, accompanied by two car loads of Brethren from Edmonton. It was a Regular meeting and a fair attendance of the members made us welcome. Harmony prevailed and the Officers were well skilled in the opening and closing of the Lodge. A presentation of Life Membership was made to Rt. Wor. Bro. N. O. Jack who was their Wor. Master in 1931 and 1943.

On Sept. 15th Barrhead Lodge No. 171 was visited and although it was a very wet night and the roads were far from good the meeting was well attended for a small Lodge, Every member of this Lodge had his dues paid up for 1955 and none of the Brethren were in arrears. This Lodge is to be congratulated for such a new one and the officers were well skilled although new material in that part of the Country is scarce.

Sept. 28th. was one of the highlights of my visitation as I visited my own Lodge, Dominion 117, when a 2nd degree was conferred by the officers of the Lodge in a creditable manner; a good attendance of the members was pleasing together with a number of visitors.

I visited Waskatenau Lodge No. 154 on October 5th accompanied by a number of members from Dominion Lodge and a very harmonious meeting was held in the new building they had just purchased. The Brethren were very interested in Masonry in general and one or two questions were asked which we were able to answer. Harmony prevails and we were invited to make another visit to them if possible.

October 11th Victoria Lodge, Fort Saskatchewan was visited and a goodly number of visitors were present from Edmonton and Lamont. The attendance of their own members was also good and harmony prevails therein.

A visit to Strathcona Lodge No. 77 was made on September 28th when I witnessed a 3rd Degree which was exemplified in a very efficient manner. The Most Wor. the Grand Master was present at this meeting and gave a very eloquent address during the Harmony hour which was much appreciated by the Brethren.

On November 4th I journeyed with a dozen Brethren to Lamont Lodge No. 94 where the Brethren conferred a 2nd degree in a very fine manner. We were joined there by a number of Brethren from Highlands Lodge, Edmonton who brought with them 2 members who had just received their Fellowcraft degree. This lodge was well attended and the visitors were made welcome by the Brethren of Lamont Lodge.

On December 1st. Westlock Lodge No. 114 was visited where a 3rd Degree was exemplified in a proficient manner and all taking part did a real good job of it. Two car loads of visiting Brethren were also in attendance and at the refreshment hour one of the Westlock oldest members gave a history of this Lodge which was very interesting.

On Feb. 14th 1956 I visited Gateway Lodge No. 164 and although it was a cold night the number of Brethren present indicated that Masonry in this Lodge was progressing. This was a Regular Meeting and the Officers opened and closed in a proficient manner and the general business was conducted without any loss of time. All the visiting Brethren were made welcome and a good time was held at the Harmony Hour.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton on Sept. 29th 1955 when the highlight of the meeting was a demonstration of the 1st. Degree. by the officers and members of Dominion Lodge No. 117, after which a few comments were made by The Grand Secretary which were very enlightening. Later on in the evening the election of the new District Deputy was taken and Wor. Bro. R. L. Lauder of Gateway Lodge No. 164 was declared elected for the year 1956-57. Before the Lodge closed the Most. Wor. the Grand Master gave a very interesting address on Masonry in general which was enjoyed by all the Brethren present.

In conclusion may I express to the many Brethren, especially of Dominion Lodge, who accompanied me on my Official visits, my very sincere thanks for their kindness in providing the transportation and also to Wor. Bro. D. F. Hart, the District Secretary my thanks for his attendance at all the meetings and the faithful discharge of his duties as such, and my congratulation to Wor. Bro. Lauder, my successor, and I trust he will have the same consideration tendered to him so that he will have a successful year in office.

W. S. KENT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 19.

N. W. T. DISTRICT

I have the honor and pleasure to report that the condition of Yellowknife Lodge is excellent. The Officers are exceptionally well trained and their work could be compared very favorably with that at any point "outside." My tenth consecutive annual visit was made on March 5th when, in spite of a number of important curling events and very cold weather, an attendance of 27, including three visitors, were present.

It was noted that Bro. McGruther, who has served as Secretary from April 1953 to date, will leave the district shortly to reside at Prince Rupert, B.C. and will be succeeded by Bro. N. McLeod who is the Regimental Sgt. Major of the Canadian Corps of Signals stationed at Yellowknife.

The Lodge celebrated its tenth anniversary with the holding of a Birthday Party at the Masonic Hall on February 11th and held its usual picnic at McNiven Beach during the last summer.

There are 45 resident members of the Lodge in Yellowknife and 55 non-resident, and enthusiasm and interest in the Lodge is at a high pitch.

CHARLES E. GARNETT, P.D.D.G.M.
G. M. Representative N.W.T.

R.W. Bro. C. W. Johnson (22) D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 moved that the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. L. McPhee (9) D.D.G.M. of District No. 1. Carried.

Grand Master: I am going to make a break in our program at this juncture and call on one of our Distinguished Visitors in the person of R.W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Johnston, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M. in the Province of Ontario. We shall be hearing from R.W. Bro. Johnson this evening but as he officially represents the oldest Grand Lodge in Canada we shall be glad to hear from this distinguished brother now — Dr. Johnston.

R.W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Johnston: This is my first visit to this wonderful city of Edmonton and it is interesting that I come from a City that is growing fastest in all the world and the second city is Edmonton.

Now, I find the altitude here in Edmonton a little higher than Toronto. Walking from the hotel to the Temple I found that I was out of breath. I believe you must have a higher altitude here in Alberta than we have down East, but I had a pleasant journey out here — my wife came with me. It was a wonderful thing to be invited to come and the gracious words spoken by the Most Worshipful Grand Master about me are appreciated very much. And something else that I appreciate is the correspondence that your Grand Secretary sent me. I don't think I have had many letters from Grand Secretaries and other organizations in America and Canada and the Old Country so gracious — I don't think I have ever had such gracious communications in all my life from a man who seems to have wonderful understanding of human nature, and your Grand Secretary here is a wonderful secretary. His letters just made me really look forward to coming out to be your guest at this wonderful Grand Lodge meeting.

Now I was initiated into Masonry about 1917, and I was initiated in the Province of Quebec, in the county town of Shefford, Waterloo. I'll never forget my third degree — a blacksmith was the master of the lodge. I'm telling you the truth when I say I had a headache for a month after that.

Then I went into the city of Montreal where I spent about 17 years and I was affiliated with a very wonderful lodge in Montreal, and while I was in Montreal acted as one of the District Grand Chaplains and had a very enjoyable time in Masonry.

Now the Masons of Quebec are wonderful Masons. You see they live under the shadow of a great power, and I think that probably there is a compulsion to be something when you are a Mason in Quebec. And I enjoyed Masonry very very much in the province of Quebec, because we were drawn together, the lodges were smaller but there seemed to be a great spirit of fraternity, and there was a fellowship that strengthened our whole life.

Well, then I was called to a church in Toronto where I completed my work — just a year ago I retired from the ministry of the United Church after 25 years of ministry. Now Ontario is different. You see, there are more Masons in Ontario than in Quebec. It is strong. It is wonderful. And I am very proud and pleased. I was a Grand Chaplain in that jurisdiction, and a very interesting experience came to me. I have been supplying a ministry in the city of Peterboro in the last three months, and about a month ago they invited me up to the Masonic Lodge, and I said to myself, I will go to the Masonic Lodge, because this Temple in Peterboro means a lot to me. When I was the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Jurisdiction I consecrated that new Temple. You talk about Masonic education. In all my Masonic years — nearly 40 years — I never saw anything like what I saw in that Lodge in Peterboro that night. Never in all my life. Every person had to repeat their obligation. They

had to answer all the questions. I never saw such a disciplined group. Well, when I was a Grand Chaplain I dedicated that wonderful new Temple at Peterboro.

Well, I enjoyed my Masonic life. It was different from the church life. You know that, don't you? Different from political life too.

Well, here I am now come out from Ontario. And the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the province of Ontario contacted me and said, I want you to represent our Grand Jurisdiction when you visit Alberta, and so it is a delight and a pleasure to bring you greetings of your brethren. You see the beautiful thing about it is this . . . you never lose the word "Brother" in Masonry. When you join you are a brother. When you become a Master you are a brother. When you become "Very Worshipful" you are a brother. When you become a "Right Worshipful" you are a brother and when you become "Most Worshipful" you are a brother. As long as we have Masons to keep this wonderful feeling of brotherhood in Masonry, we are going places. (Applause.)

The Grand Master: Thank you R.W. Bro. Johnston. We heartily reciprocate the greeting you have brought with you from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and ask that you so advise the M.W. The Grand Master on your return.

You will see Brethren that you are in for a treat this evening. I am sure that we shall look forward all the more to our distinguished Brother's address.



REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Once more it is my pleasure to submit herewith the Report of the
Grand Treasurer for the year ending April 30th, 1956.

GENERAL FUND

Balance in Bank May 1st, 1955.....	\$ 14,945.45	
Receipts from Lodges	47,714.67	
Interest on Bonds	676.26	
Disbursements		\$ 54,761.77
Balance in Bank April 30th, 1956		8,574.61
	<u>\$ 63,336.38</u>	<u>\$ 63,336.38</u>

RELIEF FUND

Balance in Bank May 1st, 1955	\$ 6,475.01	
Membership per capita Fees	4,374.15	
Interest Earnings, (Bonds and Bank)	9,599.71	
Transfer to Superannuation Fund		\$ 500.00
Purchase of Government of Canada Bonds		5,056.21
Relief Grants (Net)		9,180.22
Transfer to Benevolent Fund		121.11
Exchange		1.50
Balance in Bank April 30th, 1956		5,589.83
	<u>\$ 20,448.87</u>	<u>\$ 20,448.87</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance in Bank May 1st, 1955	\$ 383.40	
Affiliation Fees	332.00	
Transfer from Relief Fund	121.11	
Interest on Bank Savings Account	8.85	
Balance in Bank April 30th, 1956		\$ 845.36
	<u>\$ 845.36</u>	<u>\$ 845.36</u>

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance in Bank May 1st, 1955	\$ 4,110.90	
Bond and Bank Interest	505.73	
General Fund Contribution	500.00	
Relief Fund Contribution	500.00	
Grand Secretary's Contribution	225.00	
Purchase of Government Bonds		\$ 4,936.11
Exchange		.25
Balance in Bank		905.27
	<u>\$ 5,841.63</u>	<u>\$ 5,841.63</u>

This Report is presented in concise form to avoid repetition. A more detailed account of the Receipts and Disbursements in the various accounts is presented in the reports of the Auditor and the Grand Secretary.

In closing, I would again wish to express my deep appreciation of the excellent manner in which your Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, has maintained the financial records of your Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
LESLIE J. ROSLING
Grand Treasurer

Moved by R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling (9) that the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance. Seconded by M.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84). Carried.

The Grand Master: Brethren, before receiving another report I will call on the Grand Master of our Mother Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin: I deem it a great privilege indeed to have this opportunity of being present with you. It is not my first visit to Alberta but it is my first visit as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and I wish to extend to you the warmest greetings of your Mother Grand Lodge on this your Fifty-first Annual Communication. I used to work in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan setting up illustration stations and I was never so healthy in my life as when I was running around in an old Model T when there were no roads. My best wishes for a successful Communication. Now Brethren as one Grand Master to another I would like to congratulate M.W. Bro. Heckbert on a very successful year and wish him the best in years to come. I would also like to make a little present from the good Province of Manitoba. This little memento is made from the natural resources of our Province.

(M.W. Bro. Irwin made presentation to M.W. Bro. Heckbert.)

M.W. Bro. Heckbert thanked M.W. Bro. Irwin.



Grand Secretary's Report

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Another year has passed into history and once again I have the privilege of reporting to you as your Grand Secretary. This report will cover the activities of the Grand Lodge Office for the period May 1st 1955 to April 30th 1956 and will include statements of monies received from the Lodges and other statistical data. The Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, Assets and Liabilities will be found in the Auditors report.

LODGES

Two Lodges have been Instituted in the City of Calgary and we now have 159 Chartered Lodges and two Lodges under Dispensation.

PROCEEDINGS

Six hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed. Two copies were provided to each Lodge in the Jurisdiction, one copy was mailed to each Grand Jurisdiction with whom we are in Fraternal accord and a copy is sent to each Grand Lodge Officer and a small complimentary list. Further copies are available at the cost of \$1.00 from the office and a number have been sold. Ten copies remain on hand as April 30th 1956. This issue was of special interest in that a complete Roster of the membership of each Lodge was printed as an appendix, I believe that this proved interesting to a great many of our Brethren.

I must again draw attention to the fact that a great many Lodges fail to heed the directions of Grand Lodge and do not either refer to the Proceedings or have a copy available on the Secretary's desk. Quite a number fail to have any discussion in Lodge on the Grand Lodge Communication or any of the reports.

CERTIFICATES

Certificates required by Section 75 of the Constitution have been provided all elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers. In addition 769 Master Mason's Certificates were issued to Brethren raised during the year. Several Duplicate certificates were also issued on special request.

At the request of the Lodges concerned and after the provisions of the Constitution had been complied with, Honorary Life Membership Certificates were issued to 14 Members and Life Membership Certificates to 76 Members. Past Masters Certificates, which are only issued at the request of the Lodge, were issued to 144 Past Masters.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

During the year a total of THIRTY Fifty Year Jewels were issued, on the application of the Lodges in question. There were also FOUR Sixty Year Bars issued. One of the Brethren to whom the Sixty year Bar was presented — Bro. Joseph Lee of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 — passed away shortly after. He had a very colourful career in the West and was an early member of the N. W. M. P.

The following is a list of the Jewels issued, by Lodges:

North Star No. 4	Bro. Edgar Burke Hill
North Star No. 4	Bro. Peter Hodson Ashcroft
North Star No. 4	Bro. Robert Reed Wallace
North Star No. 4	Bro. Walter Ewing Buchan
Edmonton No. 7	Bro. George E. Ellis
Edmonton No. 7	Bro. Thomas Irvine
Edmonton No. 7	Bro. James Angus MacKinnon
Edmonton No. 7	Bro. William Nixon
Edmonton No. 7	W. Bro. Roy M. Lambertson
Innisfail No. 8	Bro. William George Kelly
Eureka No. 10	W. Bro. Joseph Luftus Craigh
Eureka No. 10	Bro. Ralph L. Tracy
Acacia No. 11	W. Bro. Verner C. McElroy
Acacia No. 11	Bro. William Emerson Werner
Acacia No. 11	Bro. Frederick Thomas Rickett
Acacia No. 11	Bro. Percival Manning
Nanton No. 17	R.W. Bro. Walter Frantzen
Nanton No. 17	Bro. John Thomas Cooper
Calgary No. 23	W. Bro. William Henry Green
St. John's No. 25	Bro. James Bismark Holden
Camrose No. 37	Bro. Henry Philip Foucar
Tuscan No. 43	R.W. Bro. Alexander T. Ross
Chinook No. 47	R.W. Bro. Mathew A. Murphy
Unity No. 51	W. Bro. Edmund A. Hay-Roe
Unity No. 51	Bro. Anthony Graham Shute
St. Andrew's No. 66	Bro. Bartlett Williams
St. Andrew's No. 66	R.W. Bro. Judson B. Snyder
Vulcan No. 74	Bro. George Willis Buck
Commercial No. 81	Bro. William Bertie Cairns
Dominion No. 117	V.W. Bro. William Woodruff Ward

SIXTY-YEAR BARS TO JEWEL

Cascade No. 5	Bro. Thomas Huntley Crump
Innisfail No. 8	R.W. Bro. Daniel J. Morkeberg
Tuscan No. 43	R.W. Bro. Alexander T. Ross
Saskatchewan No. 92	Bro. Joseph Lee

In addition to the above Jewels Zetland Lodge No. 83 arranged for the presentation of a Fifty Year Medal for the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. This was performed by their Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald. The recipient Bro. John Cassidy, now resident of Calgary.

We salute these veteran Brethren in this our Jubilee year.

BY-LAWS

By-Laws of the following Lodges have been examined and approved by the M. W. Grand Master:

Corinthian No. 22	December 6th, 1955.
Barrhead No. 171	May 19th, 1955.
Jubilee U. D.	January 27th, 1956

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

By-Laws amendments for the following Lodges were examined and approved by the M. W. Grand Master:

Perfection No. 9	June 28th, 1955.
Red Deer No. 12	October 3rd, 1955.
Sentinel No. 26	November 17th, 1955.
Kenilworth No. 29	June 20th, 1955.
Comet No. 50	Novembr 18th, 1955.
Unity No. 51	March 9th, 1956.
King George No. 59	March 14th, 1956.
Provost No. 61	November 25th, 1955.
Strathcona No. 77	February 15th, 1956.
Zetland No. 83	April 6th, 1956.
Rocky Mountain No. 86	March 22nd, 1956.
Crescent No. 87	April 23rd, 1956.
Westlock No. 114	November 17th, 1955.
St. Mark's No. 118	April 12th, 1956.
York No. 119	May 10th, 1955.
Cresset No. 136	October 1st. 1955.
St. Alban's No. 145	November 29th, 1955.
Standard No. 152	August 1st, 1955.
Sexsmith No. 160	March 9th, 1956.
Ancient Landmark No. 163	February 28th, 1956.
St. Georges No. 169	October 3rd, 1955.
Avon Glen No. 170	May 11th, 1955.

DISPENSATIONS

At the request of the Constituent Lodge concerned. Dispensations were issued to cover the following matters, on the authority of the M. W. Grand Master:

To change the Night of Regular Meeting	49
To change the Hour of Regular Meeting	7
To appear in Public clothed as Masons, (Divine Service)	28
To permit withdrawal of Petition for Initiation	11
To confer Degrees within the statutory time limit	6
To Elect Junior Warden out of time	1
To Elect and Invest Officers out of time	9
To Invest Officers out of time	4
To receive and act on Petition without residence qualifications (Waiver (s) of Lodges concerned received)	4
To receive and act on Petition — Physical Disability	4
To Install and Invest Officers out of time	4
To Elect W. M. and other Officers and Invest out of time, (following death of W. M.)	1
To Elect W. M. and Secretary and Install and Invest out of time	1
To move Charter for 50th Anniversary celebration	1
To move Charter to confer Degree	1
To have concurrent jurisdiction with City of Edmonton Lodges	1

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Commission of the M. W. The Grand Master, appointing the following Brethren as Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near their own Grand Lodge, was issued on the recommendation of the M. W. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge concerned:—

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND

R. W. Bro. E. C. D. Ringrose
GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS R. W. Bro. John A. Carey
GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK W. Bro. Lambert R. Furey

The M. W. The Grand Master was pleased to recommend the following to be Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta of the Grand Jurisdiction named and in each case the Certificate of the M. W. The Grand Master has been received and presented to the member named:

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND M. W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert
UNITED GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND

R. W. Bro. W. Hudson Scott
GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND R. W. Bro. D. S. Bareham

The following Brethren have been recommended as Representatives to the Grand Lodge named, but Certificates have not as yet been received:

GRAND LODGE OF PANAMA V. W. Bro. B. C. Jakeman
GRAND LODGE OF PUERTO RICO W. Bro. E. G. Ellerton

During the year, R. W. Bro. G. W. Bureau, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Paraiba, Brazil passed away and R. W. Bro. C. G. Flavin felt it necessary, through continued ill-health to resign as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine. Both these Brethren had served for many years. These appointments remain vacant at the time of writing.

The three Brethren who formerly represented the Grand Lodge of Ireland, R. W. Bro. W. E. Hall; The Grand Lodge of New Zealand, W. Bro. Colin Allan; and the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappel passed away during the year. They were well known over a long period. R. W. Bro. David Patterson had been the Grand Representative of Puerto Rico since 1937 and felt it necessary to step aside, after many years of faithful attendance at Grand Lodge Communications. V. W. Bro. G. B. Thorn, former Representative of the Grand Lodge of Panama, who handles all the Spanish and Portugese interpreting for Grand Lodge, found it necessary to leave the Jurisdiction for health and we hope that he will be fully restored in his new environment.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The followig Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. The Grand Master:

To Review the Ceremonials of Grand Lodge

(Continuing from 1954/55)

M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8) Chairman

M.W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman (16)

M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)

To Review the Rulings of Grand Masters and Report Thereon

M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51)

On the Grand Master's Address

M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51) Chairman
 M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83)
 M.W. Bro. L. W. Bond (137)

On The Grand Secretary's Report

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29) Chairman
 M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)
 M.W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Henry (10)

Fraternal Dead

R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan (165) Chairman
 R.W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery (59)
 V.W. Bro. W. C. McRoberts (124)

Committee on the Work

M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey (51) to be Chairman vice M. W. Bro.
 G. F. Ellis, resigned and
 R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary, appointed member

MEMBERSHIP

A complete table of Statistics is to be found in the Proceedings the following are the main particulars:

Total Membership as at December 31st 1954	17,333
Increase:	
Initiated	806
Passed	801
Raised	769
Affiliated	217
Reinstated	59
Total	1,082
Decease:	
Dimitted	246
Suspended, N. P. D.	149
Died,	294
Total	689
Net Increase	393
Total Membership, December 31st 1955	17,726

It will be noted that the figure for December 31st 1954 has decreased by one, it was found that one name had been duplicated in the Members List and the Past Masters list of the Roster. A few errors in spelling of names were drawn to our attention as a result of the printing of the Roster, otherwise we believe that the Roster was accurate as at the date given.

A few items gleaned from the Statistical table may be of interest. In 1955 there were 22 Lodges without any Initiations as against 16 in 1954; there were 71 Lodges initiating less than five, as against 77 in 1954; there were 14 Lodges whose membership did not change, as against 12 in 1954; there were 49 Lodges whose membership decreased, as against 52 in 1954 with the highest decrease 10 as against 9; there were 96 Lodges whose membership increased as against 95 in 1954, with the largest

increase 27 as against 25, 5 had an increase of over 15 members in each year and this year there were 11 whose increase was between 10 and 15 as against 7 the year before. This year there are 149 suspensions N. P. D. spread over 66 Lodges, whilst in 1954 there were 118 suspensions in 65 Lodges.

Information reaching the Grand Lodge office would indicate that some Lodges fail to suspend members in accordance with Section 232 of the Constitution, that is, who are more than one year in arrears at December 31st in any year. District Deputy Grand Masters have been requested to check this point whilst making their official visit.

COURTESY DECREES

During the period under review we received requests from Sister Jurisdictions to confer degrees on 12 Candidates and this was carried out by a Lodge near their place of residence.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta requested degrees to be conferred on 11 Brethren who had moved to other Jurisdictions, the request being carried out in every instance with a minimum of delay.

NEW LODGES

There were no Consecrations during this year but two new Lodges were Instituted;

JUBILEE LODGE Calgary, January 17th, 1956

FOOTHILLS LODGE Calgary, April 13th, 1956

The ceremony of Institution was conducted in each instance by the M. W. The Grand Master, assisted by the District Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers. The membership of these two new Lodges is not shown in the statistical table, it will be shown in next years report. Jubilee Lodge had 50 names on the Charter and is in District 18, Foothills Lodge had 40 names on the Charter and is in District No. 1.

DISTRICT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

I attended the M. W. The Grand Master at each one of the 19 District meetings and at many Lodge visitations as well as at the two ceremonies of Institution mentioned above. I also attended the Conference of Western Grand Lodges at Banff. This will be the subject of a special report by the Convenor, M. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis. Each District meeting is covered by the report of the District Deputy Grand Master concerned and I must take only a brief space to mention one or two of the 26 Lodge visits made. M. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming and I attended the twenty fifth anniversary of Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 at Pollockville when an enthusiastic meeting was held. I had the honour of escorting M. W. Bro. Kidder, Grand Master of North Dakota to the Fiftieth Anniversary of Britannia Lodge No. 18 at Ponoka and accompanied a carload of Calgary Brethren to the Fiftieth Anniversary of Carstairs Lodge No. 20 at Carstairs. Early in December four Lodges were visited in a space of three days by the M. W. The Gand Master and myself, one holding an afternoon meeting to permit us to leave at 6:30 p.m. after a very fine Banquet at Kitchener Lodge and drive to Lochearn Lodge at Rocky Mountain House some 65 miles away. Total distance travelled was nearly 400 miles. I also on three occasions attended meetings of the Masters and Wardens Association in Calgary. The Special Communication for the Grand Lodge Jubilee has already been adequately reported.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

In February I journeyed to Washington D.C. with the M. W. The Grand Master. The Agenda of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America was as follows:

Masonic Discipline—Lodge System of Trial, Trial Commission

Presented by M. W. Bro. Lloyd E. Wilson, -California

Discussion led by R. W. Clyde I. Rush, Idaho

Dual Membership—

Presented by R. W. D. Peter Laguens, Jr. Louisiana

Discussion led by R. W. Bro. Al E. Orton, Kentucky

The Question of Courtesy Requests—

Presented by R. W. Bro. Harvey E. Byrd, Texas

Discussion led by R. W. Bro. Harold L. Reader, Missouri

This was followed by an open forum and there was much discussion of matters of interest to Secretaries. I was honoured by being a member of the Nominating Committee and R. W. Bro. Ewart G. Dixon of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M. in Ontario was elected Vice President for 1956/57.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I was privileged to visit our sister Grand Jurisdiction's forty-ninth Annual Communication in Regina in June and in July had the honour of attending the Centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A. M. in the Province of Ontario. With representatives from the three Senior Grand Lodges of the world and from Australia and all of North America this was the most momentous Masonic gathering of the year. The opportunity of meeting R. W. Sir Sydney White, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England and Dr. Alexander F. Buchan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in addition to so many Grand Secretaries and other distinguished Freemasons was much appreciated.

In August I had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge of Montana at Missoula in company with the Senior Grand Warden and much enjoyed this first visit to a Grand Lodge South of the border.

SEMI - ANNUAL RETURNS

With the receipt of 120 returns for June 30th 1955 before the end of July it appeared that there was much improvement in the submission of these documents but only 28 were received in August, 4 in the first week of September, 6 between September 12th and 15th and one not until September 26th. The December returns did not fare so well, 99 were received in January, 29 between February 1st and 15th, 22 between February 16th and 29th, 5 before March 8th, one March 15th and three on March 19th, one of which the District Deputy had to make a special trip to get. The late returns cause untold extra work and dozens of letters were written, I would request that the Constitution be amended so that any Lodge whose returns are not in within thirty days will lose its vote at Grand Lodge. Membership is increasing and there are more Lodges, and it is really necessary that these returns be submitted on time and not dragged out over a period of three months.

REGALIA

The Financial Statement will show the quantity of Regalia handled and it indicates that a large majority of the Lodges are now obtaining the regalia authorised by our Constitution. There are still, however, one or two Lodges and several individuals who feel that they are entitled to purchase the so called 'Presentation Aprons.' At every opportunity attention is directed to the Constitution.

Public Liability Insurance: Sixty seven Lodges in the Jurisdiction have taken out the Insurance offered under General Liability and sixty one have taken the policy relating to automobiles.

Bulletin: Two years ago Grand Lodge offered to have Bulletins folded, without cost to the Lodge. Ninety four now have their Bulletins folded and sixty seven do not.

INCORPORATION

The following Lodges were incorporated during the year under the Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Chapter 22 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1908. There are now only Thirty two Lodges that are not Incorporated under this Act and Certificates have been issued to four of these for the purpose of becoming Incorporated. It is hoped the remaining twenty eight will apply shortly;

15.	Wetaskiwin	21 December, 1955
24.	Vermilion	13 February, 1956
26.	Sentinel	28 December, 1955
37.	Camrose	3 January, 1956
39.	Lethbridge	6 April, 1956
50.	Comet	5 December, 1955
72.	Coronation	26 March, 1956
75.	Harmony	5 January, 1956
80.	Excelsior	10 January, 1956
92.	Saskatchewan	11 January, 1956
98.	Hand Hill	30 January, 1956
111.	Nobleford	16 January, 1956
114.	Westlock	8 February, 1956
125.	Cavell	27 February, 1956
148.	Mayerthrope	26 March, 1956
152.	Standard	27 September, 1955
157.	Sharon	20 January, 1956
163.	Ancient Landmark	22 December, 1955
166.	Evergreen	10 June, 1955
167.	Temple	29 December, 1955
169.	St. George's	27 February, 1956

Grand Lodge attendance: It will be seen from the record that there were Twenty nine Lodges not represented at the 1955 Communication. As a possible means of cutting this figure letters have been addressed to the Worshipful Masters of each of these Lodges urging that they make sure the Lodge is represented at the 1956 Communication.

Constitution: The Constitution was reprinted during the year. There was a most unreasonable delay of several months on the part of the Printer, which caused a great deal of inconvenience to the Lodges and this office, but there is now an ample supply on hand. A copy marked 'Property of the Lodge' has been supplied to every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, as authorised last year.

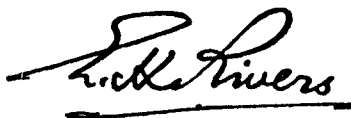
List of Lodge Officers and Past Masters: Following the Communication of 1955 and the amendments to the Constitution then authorized, Section 240 of the old Constitution was deleted and Secretaries of Lodges are not now required to submit a list of Past Masters entitled to vote. The voting list has been carefully made up in Grand Lodge office and it is hoped that there are no omissions. It was noted in several instances, however, that Past Masters affiliating with a Lodge were not reported as such on the Returns. This is the document from which the information is obtained and there is a space to show the rank of the member.

General: During the year a booklet 'One hundred and One Questions' by M. W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy was obtained and proved very popular another booklet by the same author 'What? When? Where? Why? Who? in Freemasonry' has also been obtained. It appears that these booklets have stimulated interest and provoked discussion. They are available at a moderate charge. The Masonic Handbook Series by R. W. Bro. J. S. M. Ward, consisting of six small books has been obtained from England and this too has proved popular.

I have much appreciated the opportunity of taking part in the Masonic Curling League in Calgary and also in taking part in the District 15 Bonspiel at Irricana, it provides a grand opportunity of meeting the Brethren.

We have had a very busy year in this Jurisdiction and I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Lodge Secretaries, the District Deputy Grand Masters and to all who have assisted this office in the many extra tasks for the Jubilee year. I would like also to thank the M. W. The Grand Master for his many courtesies, we have covered a great many miles during the year. As I mentioned in my report last year, it is the endeavour of your Grand Lodge office to be of service whenever it is possible, it is our hope that all Lodges will be able to obtain anything that they may need through the office and to ensure this contacts have been established. My thanks also to Miss Butler, who is so well known to many of you. A lot of work has been accomplished, greatly increased by the celebrations for the Jubilee.

Fraternally submitted.

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in black ink, reading "E. H. Rivers". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Grand Secretary.

Moved by R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51) that the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement and the Auditors' Report be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report and that the Financial Statement and the Auditors' Report be referred to the Committee on Finance. Seconded, R.W. Bro. A. Black (14). Carried.

LODGE NOTICES

The Grand Master: It was drawn to the attention of the Board of General Purposes during their meeting yesterday that two Lodges had transgressed rather seriously in permitting mention to be made of the desirability of voting for certain candidates in the election scheduled for the first day of this Grand Lodge session; a resolution requesting rather drastic action on the part of your Grand Master was adopted by the Board.

I much prefer to take this opportunity of admonishing the Lodges concerned, rather than to act on the resolution as it is my thought that the action was taken without as careful consideration as might have been used.

I am sure that those responsible very sincerely regret the action which is not strictly in keeping with Masonic practice or usage and I am of the opinion that the desired purpose will be served if I urge upon Lodges in the future that they refrain from similar direction in connection with any election affecting this Grand Lodge.

I believe that the officers responsible will regret the ill advised action and am certain that this mention of the occurrence will suffice to obviate similar action in the future.

The Grand Master: Brethren, it is now 11:40 a.m. and we shall adjourn to reconvene at 2 p.m. Arrangements have been made for a photograph of those in attendance to be taken immediately to the east of the building and I would ask all Officers, particularly, to go there as quickly as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending April 30th, 1956

Statement of Debits, Credits and Monies received from Lodges between
May 1st, 1955 and April 30th, 1956.

No.	Name of Lodge	Debit	Credit	Amount Received
1.	Bow River	\$ 10.05		\$689.10
2.	Medicine Hat			598.45
3.	Alberta	11.50		232.95
4.	North Star	11.55		502.75
5.	Cascade	21.75		327.10
6.	Spitzie	36.80		220.20
7.	Edmonton	13.20		830.15
8.	Innisfail			295.40
9.	Perfection	2.00		887.55
10.	Eureka	17.20		509.84
11.	Acacia	95.10		858.35
12.	Red Deer	28.05		408.80
13.	Victoria	27.35		236.30
14.	Jasper			347.55
15.	Wetaskiwin	34.80		261.10
16.	Mountain View	114.75		179.65
17.	Nanton	16.25		285.05
18.	Britannia	.45		285.65
19.	Cornerstone			317.50
20.	Carstairs			319.65
21.	King Hiram			274.09
22.	Corinthian			354.11
23.	Calgary	9.00		416.00
24.	Vermilion	4.70		384.05
25.	St. John's	.25		226.60
26.	Sentinel			210.60
27.	Apollo	7.50		500.57
28.	Ashlar			585.05
29.	Kenilworth	1.25		455.40
30.	Summit	35.45		189.85
31.	Doric	25.05		154.25
32.	Cairo			369.25
33.	Stavely			147.00
34.	Star of the West	77.25		94.25
35.	Mizpah			473.45
36.	Gleichen	95.60		181.44
37.	Camrose			312.80
38.	Hope	2.00		183.45
39.	Lethbridge	2.00		517.85
40.	Joppa	4.00		93.20
41.	King Solomon	19.14		230.55
42.	Bowden	9.20		86.65
43.	Tuscan			148.05
44.	Buffalo Park	134.80		212.50
45.	Ionic	11.60		78.75
46.	Palestine			151.50

No.	Name of Lodge	Debit	Credit	Amount Received
47.	Chinook	15.90		113.03
48.	Crossfield			323.25
49.	Robert Burns			108.45
50.	Comet	60.75		99.75
51.	Unity	22.35		892.15
53.	Strathmore			363.04
54.	Mount Lebanon			416.48
55.	Bassano	162.94		294.89
56.	Beaver		3.25	179.50
57.	Grassy Lake	40.00		52.15
58.	Chief Mountain	9.25		203.14
59.	King George	7.50		723.50
60.	Acme			79.15
61.	Provost			121.90
62.	Melrose	15.80		219.39
63.	Empire			310.59
64.	Bow Island			131.50
65.	Diamond City	12.30		79.56
66.	St. Andrew's			302.83
67.	Charity			309.00
68.	Edson			593.95
69.	Connaught			252.38
70.	Quarry			142.67
71.	Tawatinaw			136.15
72.	Coronation	43.75		216.00
73.	Brooks	27.20		352.50
74.	Vulcan			291.00
75.	Harmony			101.55
76.	Fidelity	1.50		308.51
77.	Strathcona	5.00		490.69
78.	Hanna	147.12		298.29
79.	Morning Star	25.35		83.90
80.	Excelsior			127.04
81.	Commercial			619.30
82.	Acadia			82.50
83.	Zetland	26.90		593.95
84.	Champion	2.00		141.50
86.	Rocky Mountain	61.30		249.00
87.	Crescent			730.10
88.	Wahpun	2.25		257.21
89.	Peace River	47.00		411.30
90.	Norwood	12.00		545.50
91.	Patricia			489.83
92.	Saskatchewan	12.00		407.60
93.	Symbol	5.50		393.75
94.	Lamont	59.40		216.75
95.	Kitchener	45.55		249.65
96.	Dynamic	.75		147.25
97.	Albion	9.50		141.20
98.	Hand Hill	21.15		172.39
100.	Century	12.60		292.95
101.	West Edmonton	82.18		648.73
102.	Edgerton	1.50		97.10
103.	Foremost		10.80	138.35
104.	Oyen	3.77		309.91
105.	Grande Prairie	16.00		435.20
106.	Lake Saskatoon	3.90		184.45

No.	Name of Lodge	Debit	Credit	Amount Received
107.	Carbon	12.80		198.30
111.	Nobleford	4.00		100.00
113.	Cyprus	9.05		123.10
114.	Westlock	148.00		126.80
115.	Crocus	2.35		51.50
116.	Spirit River		14.25	139.75
117.	Dominion	5.00		497.46
118.	St. Mark's			667.89
119.	York	6.50		421.25
120.	Monitor			135.15
122.	Rising Sun			10.00
123.	Rockyford	37.00		278.00
124.	Concord			563.20
125.	Cavell	9.65		158.00
126.	Pembina	7.80		89.70
127.	Granite	8.25		187.10
128.	Forestburg			144.70
129.	Meridian		17.03	189.16
130.	Hussar	1.00		219.90
131.	Kitscoty			148.42
132.	Craigmyle	26.45		82.04
133.	Manyberries	33.75		151.02
134.	Renfrew	57.15		605.90
135.	Alliance	72.75		113.78
136.	Cresset	45.40		52.55
137.	Irricana	11.50		206.70
138.	Onoway	12.00		81.75
140.	Big Valley	1.50		127.15
141.	Efficiency	75.58		154.95
142.	Ivanhoe	10.00		560.19
143.	Jasper Park			328.70
144.	Gratton			105.75
145.	St. Alban's	69.25		204.05
146.	Drumheller			250.85
147.	Northland			293.30
148.	Mayerthorpe			146.50
151.	Lochearn	2.00		235.25
152.	Standard	14.35		120.75
153.	Whitecourt	3.35		90.40
154.	Waskatenau			70.30
156.	Hythe	13.80		228.90
157.	Sharon			116.25
158.	Berry Creek	33.85		54.55
159.	Lucerne	39.30		185.28
160.	Sexsmith	.25		160.65
161.	Empress			116.20
162.	Yellowknife	6.00		227.70
163.	Ancient Landmark			143.25
164.	Gateway			165.10
165.	Canada	19.00		437.62
166.	Evergreen	3.50		258.05
167.	Temple		22.65	318.90
168.	Highlands	1.00		193.79
169.	St. George's			171.85
170.	Avon Glen			642.97
171.	Barrhead		1.00	167.74
172.	Milo	1.10		61.23

No.	Name of Lodge	Debit	Credit	Amount Received
U.D. Jubilee		70.95		78.30
U.D. Foothills		143.00		
Masonic District No.	3.			140.00
Masonic District No.	4.			135.00
Masonic District No.	7.			140.00
Masonic District No.	8.			135.00
Masonic District No.	9.			4.00
Masonic District No.	10.			140.00
Masonic District No.	11.			135.00
Masonic District No.	13.			135.25
Masonic District No.	14.			135.00
Masonic District No.	15.			140.00
Central Masonic Temple		13.57		1,355.95
Sundry		87.35		662.18
		<u>\$3,020.65</u>	<u>\$68.98</u>	<u>\$47,714.67</u>

I have made an examination of the books and accounts of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal period ending April 30, 1956, and have obtained all information and explanations I have required. I report that I am of the opinion that the foregoing Balance Sheet and accompanying Revenue and Surplus accounts and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books.

CALGARY, ALBERTA,

May 17th, 1956.



AUDITOR.
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.
Balance Sheet as at April 30, 1956

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund		General Fund	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....\$	8,574.61	Balance due to Lodges.....	\$ 58.98
Investment in Bonds.....	\$ 23,696.25		
Accrued Interest	155.97		
		Surplus Account	
Balance due from Lodges	23,852.22	Balance May 1, 1955.....\$	39,879.31
Books, Stationery & Supplies on hand	3,020.65	Transfer from Balance of Lodges discontinued ..	30.00
Jewels and Regalia on hand	4,366.49	Expenditure as per	
Furniture and Fixtures	517.24	Excess of Income over	
Regalia Grand Officers	1,007.75	Revenue Account	3,541.50
Deferred Expense	1,955.83		
	225.00		43,450.81
	<u>43,519.79</u>		<u>43,519.79</u>
Superannuation Fund		Superannuation Fund	
Balance in Bank of Montreal	905.27	Balance in Funds	
Investment in Bonds	19,847.50	as per schedule	20,931.14
Accrued Interest	178.37		
	<u>20,025.87</u>		
	20,931.14		
Benevolent Fund		Benevolent Fund	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	845.36	Capital Fund	
Investment in Bonds.....	233,157.05	as per schedule	234,002.41
	<u>234,002.41</u>		
Relief Fund		Relief Fund	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	5,589.83	Masonic Home & School Fund ..	101.00
Investment in Bonds	96,317.56	Surplus Account	
Accrued Interest	2,563.42	as per schedule	104,369.81
	<u>98,880.98</u>		<u>104,470.81</u>
	104,470.81		
Masonic Home & School Fund		Masonic Home & School Fund	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	27.00	Legacy from the Estate of	
Relief Fund	101.00	James Winn	128.00
	<u>128.00</u>		<u>128.00</u>
	\$403,052.15		<u>\$403,052.15</u>

**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.
GRAND SECRETARY'S SUPERANNUATION FUND**

As at April 30, 1956

Balance April 30, 1955	\$ 19,190.86
General Fund Contribution	\$ 500.00
Relief Fund Contribution	500.00
General Secretary's Contribution	225.00
Interest Earnings	515.28
	<u>1,740.28</u>
Balance April 30, 1956	<u>\$ 20,931.14</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT

As at April 30, 1956

Balance April 30, 1955	\$233,661.56
Affiliation Fees	332.00
Savings Account Interest	8.85
	<u>\$234,002.41</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at April 30, 1956

Balance April 30, 1955	\$99,999.77
Membership Fees	4,374.15
Interest Earnings	9,676.11
	<u>\$114,050.03</u>
Less Grants	9,180.22
Less payment to Superannuation Fund	500.00
	<u>9,680.22</u>
Balance to Balance Sheet	<u>\$104,369.81</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.**REVENUE ACCOUNT****For 12 Months Ended April 30, 1956****Revenue**

Membership Fees		\$ 21,927.10
Initiation Fees		1,610.00
Certificate Fees		1,710.00
Dispensations		207.00
Life Membership Fees		89.00
Affiliation Fees		232.00
Charter Fees		15.00
		<u>\$ 25,790.10</u>
Interest on Bonds	\$ 746.38	
Supplies Sold	4,023.70	
Less Costs	3,376.55	
		<u>647.15</u>
Regalia and Jewels	9,657.74	
Less Costs	8,908.66	
		<u>749.08</u>
Bulletin Revenue	2,813.48	
Less Costs	2,621.42	
		<u>192.06</u>
		<u>2,334.67</u>
		<u>\$ 28,124.77</u>

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 7,544.25	
Rent and Light	1,920.00	
Postage and Express	545.73	
Telephone and Telegrams	204.36	
Audit Fees	300.00	
Office and General Expense	94.65	
Engraving Costs	233.20	
Insurance Fire and Liability	25.10	
Unemployment Insurance	58.20	
Workmen's Compensation	32.89	
Exchange	95.40	
		<u>11,053.78</u>

Printing

Proceedings	\$ 2,357.07	
General	817.63	
		<u>3,174.70</u>

Travelling Expense

Grand Master	1,500.00	
Grand Officers	1,230.10	
Washington Conference	834.79	
Ontario Centennial Celebration	500.00	
		<u>4,064.89</u>

Grand Lodge Expense

Annual Communication	1,539.02	
Expenses, District Deputies	950.00	
Banff Conference	545.60	
All Canada Conference	447.20	
Library	187.65	
	<u> </u>	3,669.47

Fiftieth Anniversary

Guests Hotel Expenses	965.15	
Banquet less Tickets sold	1,338.90	
Printing Notices, Programmes, etc	1,376.05	
Printing Proceedings	495.00	
Rent of Organ and Musical		
Entertainment	228.40	
Rent Central Masonic Temple and		
Public Address System	276.33	
General Expenses, Postage, etc	111.30	
	<u> </u>	\$ 4,791.13
Less Reserve Fund	3,000.00	
		<u> </u> 1,791.13
Provision for Pension Fund		500.00
Depreciation:		
Regalia	217.30	
Furniture and Fixtures	112.00	
	<u> </u>	329.30
		<u> </u> 24,583.27
Net Income for the Year		<u> </u> \$ 3,541.50

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS From May 1, 1955, to April 30, 1956

Receipts

Balance in Bank May 1, 1955.....	\$ 14,945.45
Receipts from Lodges	47,714.67
Interest on Bonds	676.26

Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 7,544.25
Printing	3,399.70
Rent and Light	1,920.00
Postage and Express	545.73
Telephones and Telegrams	204.36
Audit Fee	300.00
Engraving Costs	233.20
Insurance, Fire and Liability	25.10
Unemployment Insurance	58.20
Workmen's Compensation	32.89
Exchange	95.40
Office and General Expense.....	94.65
	\$ 14,453.48

Travelling Expense

Grand Master	1,500.00
Grand Officers	1,230.10
Washington Conference	834.79
Ontario Centennial Celebration	500.00
	4,064.89

Grand Lodge Expense

Annual Communication	1,539.02
District Deputies Expense	950.00
Ballot Conference	545.60
All Canada Conference	447.20
Library	187.65

Fiftieth Anniversary Expense	3,669.47
Bonds Purchased	5,763.88
Grand Lodge Regalia Purchases.....	4,941.95
Transfer Membership Fees to Relief Fund	762.30
Transfer Affiliation Fees to Benevolent Fund	4,374.15
Books and Supplies for resale	332.00
Bulletin Expense	4,418.20
Regalia and Jewels for resale.....	2,621.42
	8,768.29

Payment to Superannuation Fund.....	15,807.91
Payment re Lodges Liability Insurance	500.00
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	91.74
	8,574.61

\$ 63,336.38

\$ 63,336.38

**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.
LIST OF SECURITIES AS AT APRIL 30, 1956
BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENTS**

	Interest Rate	Par Value	Cost	Annual Interest	Accrued Interest
Government of Canada					
Perpetual	3 %	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 29,574.43	\$ 930.00	\$ 138.11
September 1, 1966	3 %	55,000.00	57,681.25	1,650.00	275.75
June 15, 1968	2 ¾ %	130,000.00	129,350.00	3,575.00	1,322.25
June 1, 1976	3 ¼ %	10,000.00	10,100.00	325.00	27.08
		<u>\$226,000.00</u>	<u>\$226,705.68</u>	<u>\$ 6,480.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,763.19</u>
Province of New Brunswick					
September 15, 1965	3 ½ %	6,500.00	6,451.37	227.50	112.81
		<u>\$232,500.00</u>	<u>\$233,157.05</u>	<u>\$ 6,707.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,876.00</u>
Relief Fund Investment Account					
Government of Canada					
Perpetual	3 %	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,448.81	\$ 600.00	\$ 93.29
January 1, 1959	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	100.00
June 1, 1960	3 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	150.00	60.41
February 1, 1962	3 %	500.00	500.00	15.00	3.66
September 1, 1966	3 %	7,000.00	7,338.75	210.00	35.09
June 15, 1968	2 ¾ %	6,000.00	5,970.00	165.00	61.02
June 1, 1976	3 ¼ %	13,000.00	13,028.75	422.50	35.20
		<u>\$ 61,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 62,286.31</u>	<u>\$ 1,862.53</u>	<u>\$ 388.67</u>

Hydro Electric Power Commission Ontario:

July 2, 1964	3 %	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,975.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 200.00
Province of Ontario:					
December, 1970	3 %	10,000.00	9,012.50	300.00	11.25
Province of Saskatchewan:					
May 1, 1968	3½ %	5,000.00	5,043.75	175.00	87.50
		\$ 96,500.00	\$ 96,317.56	\$ 2,937.50	\$ 687.42

General Fund Investment Account

Government of Canada:

Perpetual	3 %	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 29.26
September 1, 1966	3 %	5,000.00	4,743.75	150.00	25.06
June 1, 1976	3¼ %	10,000.00	10,025.00	325.00	27.08
Province of Saskatchewan:					
May 15, 1975	3¼ %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,937.50	\$ 162.50	\$ 74.57
		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 23,696.25	\$ 757.50	\$ 155.97

Superannuation Fund Investment Account

Government of Canada:

June 15, 1968	2¾ %	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,930.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 142.39
Perpetual	3 %	1,000.00	997.50	30.00	7.31
June 1, 1976	3¼ %	1,000.00	970.00	32.50	12.56
Province of Saskatchewan:					
May 15, 1975	3¼ %	4,000.00	3,950.00	130.00	16.11
		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,847.50	\$ 577.50	\$ 178.37

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From May 1, 1955, to April 30, 1956

Benevolent Fund

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1955	\$	383.40	
Affiliation Fees		332.00	
Transfer from Relief Fund		121.11	
Interest on Savings Account		8.85	
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1956			845.36
	\$	845.36	
		\$	845.36

Relief Fund

Balance, May 1, 1955	\$	6,475.01	
Membership Fees		4,374.15	
Interest Earnings:			
Government of Canada Bonds		8,342.50	
Province of Ontario		300.00	
Province of New Brunswick		227.50	
Province of Saskatchewan		87.50	
Ontario Hydro Electric Commission		600.00	
Bank Savings Account		42.21	
Bonds Purchased			5,056.21
Relief Grants			9,180.22
Payment to Superannuation Fund			500.00
Transfer to Benevolent Fund			121.11
Exchange			1.50
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1956			5,589.83
	\$	20,448.87	
		\$	20,448.87

FIRST DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Master called the Brethren to order at 2 p.m. and Prayer was offered by the acting Grand Chaplain, M.W. Bro. the Rev. Peter Dawson.

The Grand Master: Any Discussion on this report or on the activities of the Grand Secretary during the past year? Hearing none, I'll put the Motion. Carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, immediately following the closing of Grand Lodge at 12:15 p.m., June 9th 1955. The President R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard presided. The Chairman of the Finance Committee was elected and the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were authorized to arrange the various Committees in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The meeting adjourned to meet in Edmonton on June 11th, 1956.

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton at 2 p.m. on June 12th, 1956, the President R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard presided and welcomed 35 members of the Board, three visitors from without the Jurisdiction and two from the Jurisdiction. The Board was honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Grand Master of Manitoba. R.W. Bro. Reinemer, representing the Grand Lodge of Montana and R.W. Bro. C. S. Elliott from New Jersey Grand Lodge.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer at 2.05 p.m. the minutes of the previous meetings having been approved as read, reports of the various Committees were received and the Chairmen were directed to present them to Grand Lodge with amendments where noted.

Reference the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals a motion that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee to review the Rules respecting Trials, or refer the matter to the new Committee on Grievances and Appeals, with a view to setting out the Regulations in a more clear and concise form, was carried unanimously. In addition the motion requires the Grand Secretary to draft a brief on procedure and send it to every Lodge once a year.

Reference the report of the Committee on Finance and Budget. Motion to amend the Budget by reducing the amount set aside for the Washington Conference by one half and that the Grand Secretary not attend the Conference in 1957 was carried.

Special attention was drawn to the recommendation that the sum of \$67,500.00 be transferred from the Relief Surplus Fund to the Benevolent Fund and this was approved.

Reference the report of the Committee on Research and Education. It was felt that the recommendation of this Committee in regard to

scholarships was not in sufficiently clear form for presentation to Grand Lodge and that as it involved the work of several Committees the incoming Grand Master should appoint a Special Committee to deal with the whole question and formulate a scheme for presentation to Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication. Motion that the reference to Scholarships be deleted from the report was carried.

Reference the Grand Secretary's report. It was felt that the services of the District Deputy Grand Masters should be used at an earlier date in urging the Secretaries of Lodges to submit their returns on time.

Motion, arising from this discussion, that all incoming District Deputy Grand Masters be invited to attend the meeting of the Board was carried.

The Board considered that the Notice of Motion from Vermilion Lodge No. 24, to amend the Constitution by making the office of Tyler an appointed office was a departure from established custom. The motion was not spoken to before the Board.

The motion of Crescent Lodge No. 87 re opening in the Third Degree only in the Canadian Rite, was not spoken to. It was considered to be out of order as the Lodge would not be properly formed.

Motion to grant Evergreen Lodge No. 166 concurrent Jurisdiction with the City of Edmonton Lodges was approved for presentation to Grand Lodge.

Letter from a Constituent Lodge re remission of fees to Grand Lodge was received and ordered filed.

The contents of two Lodge Notices for the month of June were considered and referred to the M.W. The Grand Master for action.

All reports received by the Board will be given in full to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

R. S. Sheppard, President.

Moved by R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard (11), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9) that the report of the Board of General Purposes be received.

The Grand Master: Brethren you have heard the motion. Is there any discussion?

R.W. Bro. W. E. Briggs (101) enquired who was permitted to attend the meetings of the Board.

The Grand Secretary quoted Section 90 of the Constitution.

M.W. Bro. Ireland: those named by the Constitution form the Board. The only others who can attend are those invited by the M. W. The Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. E. Briggs: Are Past Masters allowed to attend and listen to the discussion without a vote or a right to enter into the discussion.

M.W. Bro. Ireland: If invited by the Grand Master. The Grand Master has the prerogative to invite any member or visitor to attend.

The Grand Master: I think that any Grand Master will agree that if anybody had a desire to attend the Board of General Purposes meeting and made mention of it, the privilege would be granted.

Are there any other questions in regard to the report of the Board of General Purposes?

Motion was now put and carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren

of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as Grand Librarian. It is very pleasing to note that more members have been making use of the Library, although there is plenty of room for improvement. A total of 75 books have been loaned to 36 different members and, as at April 30th, there were 24 books out. Whilst these figures are small, it is hoped that they will continue to grow.

During the year R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1) P. G. R. presented the Proceedings of the Quotor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London England, "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" from 1930 to 1954. These volumes have been bound and added to the volumes on hand dating from 1899 to 1907. There is much excellent research material in these volumes and our thanks are due to R. W. Bro. Hand.

A Masonic Edition of the Holy Bible has been placed in the Library and a copy of the Koran has been purchased, these have been numbered 490 and 491 respectively.

The following have been purchased and numbered as shown:

The Masonic Handbook Series

14	The Entered Apprentice,	by J.S.M. Ward
15	The Fellowcraft,	by J.S.M. Ward
16	The Master Mason,	by J.S.M. Ward
17	An Outline History of Freemasonry,	by J.S.M. Ward
18	The Higher Degree Handbook,	by J.S.M. Ward
19	The Moral Teachings of Freemasonry,	by J.S.M. Ward



363-1	The Sign Language of the Mysteries, Vol. 1, by J.S.M. Ward
363-2	The Sign Language of the Mysteries, Vol. 2, by J.S.M. Ward
364	An Interpretation of our Masonic Symbols, by J.S.M. Ward
530	Labour and Refreshment, by J.S.M. Ward
556	Told Through the Ages, by J.S.M. Ward
560-1	The Hung Society, Vol. 1, by Ward and Stirling
560-2	The Hung Society, Vol. 2, by Ward and Stirling
560-3	The Hung Society, Vol. 3, by Ward and Stirling

Will the Secretaries please mark their catalogues accordingly and note that C. H. Claudy's Introduction to Freemasonry is now numbered 21.

The above books were well recommended and are now available for loan. The Koran is also available to Lodges who might require it.

The Proceedings received from other Jurisdictions are acknowledged under the Reviews and the receipt of many Grand Lodge Bulletins is also gratefully acknowledged.

Fraternally submitted.

E. H. Rivers, Grand Librarian.

Moved by R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. Harris (88), that the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Research and Education. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master:

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee has studied the report of your Grand Secretary, and congratulates him on so comprehensive and informative a communication. It clearly indicates the great amount of work he has directed and accomplished in the Grand Lodge office for the period 1955-56.

It would appear that he is a travelling man and we feel that the Grand Lodge of Alberta has been widely and well represented in many parts of North America. This should prove of value to Freemasonry in Alberta for years to come. We note a number of points appear in the report that have been in reports of Grand Secretaries for many years past. We do not like to set up straw men, just to knock them down, but we would like to put forward some remarks and suggestions that would help solve some of the difficulties mentioned in the report.

We regret that once again it is necessary for the Grand Secretary to mention the failure of constituent lodges to make use of the copies of the Proceedings as directed by Grand Lodge year by year. Last year the Committee on the Grand Secretary's report made the recommendation that the D.D.G.M.S. be given specific instructions to see that much of the information and valuable material of the Proceedings be brought to the attention of the members of the lodges. Apparently to date, this has not improved the results. We therefore strongly recommend to the incoming Grand Master that he give specific instructions to his D.D.G.M.'s to make inquiries of lodges visited as to what use they have made of the Proceedings, and if they have not been used, he should appoint a member or members to bring to the attention of the lodge information contained in the Proceedings; and that the D.D.G.M.'s include the results in their report to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary draws attention to the 149 suspensions for N.P.D. This is a heavy loss and we should try to find means for preventing it. We view with much alarm the information given by the Grand Secretary that some lodges are violating the Constitution by not suspending members as required by Section 232; and we would strongly recommend that those lodges found guilty of so doing, should be severely reprimanded.

Surely there are ways and means to prevent a Brother from being suspended that are not contrary to the Constitution and could be used in the interests of a worthy Brother.

The statistics indicate that we have had another very good year, although we have not quite so great an increase in membership as in

some of the immediately preceding years. The comparison given between 1954-55, 55-56, is very interesting and is good material for study.

Your Committee notes with pleasure the great number of 50 year jewels presented in our Jubilee Year. As we have now passed our 50th year, it is to be expected we shall have many more brethren with 50 years service, and we shall see more of these jewels as the years go by.

Your Committee recognizes the great amount of work that was done by the Grand Secretary for the celebrations in connection with our 50 year Jubilee. We all know that these arrangements were timely and good, and that our Anniversary was well and successfully celebrated. It is interesting to note the success of the roster prepared by the Grand Secretary with so little error; we are sure this entailed a great deal of labor.

The report shows a large number of dispensations granted by the M.W. the Grand Master. Your Committee looks upon a dispensation as a permission granted by the Grand Master to do something contrary to the Constitution. Previous committees from year to year have adversely commented on this practice. We think the Grand Master has been most generous. It is our opinion that many of these dispensations are requested in order to cover up someone's mistakes, for example withdrawing petitions for initiation, of which there are eleven. It would appear that dispensations to appear in public clothed as Masons is slowly decreasing. Your Committee recognizes the necessity for some way to legalize a change in some things in the Constitution, to fit time and place, hence the necessity for Dispensations.

Your Committee can sympathize with the Grand Secretary with reference to the tardy filing of semi-annual returns. This is a perennial headache for your Grand Secretary and has been so for many years past. In many cases this is just plain procrastination; we fail to understand why a secretary, if he has any interest in his lodge and his work, will deliberately delay completing this important task. We reiterate the recommendation of the committee of last year, that a definite penalty be set, and applied to the lodges negligent in this matter.

In conclusion, your Committee wishes to go on record as fully in accord with the Grand Secretary's report, which is a pleasure to read. It is our wish and hope that this Grand Lodge will take the necessary action to implement the points indicated in the report.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. Botterill, P.G.M.

F. P. Galbraith, P.G.M.

W. A. Henry, P.G.M.

Moved by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), that the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted.

The Grand Master: Any Discussion on this report or on the activities of the Grand Secretary during the past year? Hearing none, I'll put the Motion. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren

Your Finance Committee has met regularly during the period under review and has considered all Financial business of Grand Lodge. All accounts have been scrutinized and the Auditor has regularly examined the books. The Auditor's report and the accounts are now in your hands. The Bonds listed have been examined in the Safety Deposit Box at the main branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia and found to be in order.

Last year we recommended — and Grand Lodge approved — that the payments from the General Fund and the Relief Fund to the Superannuation Fund should be reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00. The assets of the Superannuation Fund now exceed \$20,000.00 and we recommend that the payments from the two funds be suspended. It does not appear to your Committee that there is any need to increase this fund at the present time.

At the present time we have the sum of \$104,369.81 in the Relief Surplus Account. Your Committee recommend that the sum of \$67,500.00 of this account be transferred to the Benevolent Fund, to bring the Capital of that fund up to \$300,000.00. In recommending this your Committee would point out that the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Alberta is one of the smallest of the Canadian Grand Lodges. There is not a great deal of scope for relief of distress at the moment and the income from this investment will still be paid to the Relief Account. It has been a number of years since any monies were transferred to the Benevolent Fund.

The contract for the printing of the Proceedings for 1956 was, after consideration of four tenders, awarded to the Douglas Printing Co. Ltd. in Edmonton. The quantity required for 1955 was increased to 650 and the same number will be ordered again this year. You will note the increased number of reports that have been printed for this Communication, which are now in your hands. It is the opinion of your Committee that the Brethren will appreciate having the reports before them and it will give time for consideration of their contents before they are presented.

The contract for the printing of the Bulletin for the year 1956 - 1957 was also awarded to the Douglas Printing Co. of Edmonton, their tender being considerably lower than any other received. It is hoped that many Lodges who do not now send the Bulletin out with their Notices will do so during the coming year.

It is recommended that the District Deputy Grand Masters be paid the sum of \$50.00 each for the year 1955 - 1956.

The Fiftieth Anniversary celebration expenses amounted to \$4,791.13 and the sum of \$3,000.00 having been set aside in previous years, the balance of \$1,791.13 was paid out of current revenue. Your Committee feel that the expenses of this special celebration were reasonable.

The Auditor's statement shows that there is a net surplus of \$3,541.50 for the year and this amount is being transferred to the General Reserve. The amounts owing by the various Lodges as at April 30th, 1956 are normal and it appears that all Lodges are paying proper attention to the payment of accounts.

We recommend that M. W. Brother Wm. Ireland, C. A. be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year and that he be paid \$400.00 for his services.

We note that a great many Lodges have been purchasing their Regalia through Grand Lodge and are advised that nearly all are now acquiring

regalia authorized by the Constitution. The total amount of Regalia sold through the Grand Lodge Office was \$9,657.74 and the profit \$749.08. This is a modest return for the work and we are pleased to see that the Lodges are availing themselves of the service offered. We would also like to draw attention to the Grand Lodge Regalia, that of District Deputy Grand Masters and other Officers. This Regalia is expensive and we would appreciate the utmost care being given to each suit by the incumbent of the Office. During the year several D.D.G.M. suits were replaced and others will have to be replaced shortly, but if handled properly they should last many years, we feel that this point cannot be emphasized too strongly.

The itemized Budget is appended hereto, we recommend that it be adopted. Income is budgeted at \$24,910.00 and expenditure at \$23,570.00.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,

Chairman.

BUDGET — 1956

RECEIPTS

	Estimates	Actual	1956-1957
Membership	\$21,000.00	\$21,927.10	\$21,500.00
Initiation	1,500.00	1,610.00	1,500.00
Affiliation (Alberta)	200.00	149.00	150.00
(Others)		83.00	
Certificates	1,750.00	1,710.00	1,500.00
Life Memberships	100.00	89.00	75.00
Charters		15.00	35.00
Dispensations	125.00	207.00	150.00
	<u>\$24,675.00</u>	<u>\$25,790.10</u>	<u>\$24,910.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

All Canada Conference (1955)			
Masonic Research Council	\$ 450.00	\$ 447.20	\$ 450.00
Annual Communication	1,500.00	1,300.97	1,500.00
Grand Master's Regalia	240.00	238.05	240.00
Auditor	300.00	300.00	400.00
Banff Conference	600.00	545.60	600.00
D.D.G.M.'s	950.00	950.00	950.00
Engraving	200.00	233.20	250.00
Exchange	100.00	95.40	100.00
Fiftieth Anniversary	1,000.00	1,791.13	
Grand Master, Travelling	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Grand Secretary, Travelling	1,000.00	950.00	1,000.00
Grand Officers, Travelling	500.00	280.10	500.00
Insurance	21.00	25.10	50.00
Library	250.00	187.65	200.00
Postage and Express	600.00	545.73	600.00
Printing—Proceedings 1955	2,500.00	2,357.07	2,500.00
Stationery and General	1,000.00	1,042.63	1,000.00
Regalia, Repairs and Replacement	250.00	762.30	250.00
Rent	1,920.00	1,920.00	1,920.00
Salaries	8,000.00	7,544.25	8,500.00
Superannuation	500.00	500.00	
Telephones and Telegrams	200.00	204.36	200.00
Unemployment Insurance	50.00	58.20	60.00
Washington Conference	650.00	834.79	375.00
Workmen's Compensation	50.00	32.89	50.00
	<u>\$24,331.00</u>	<u>\$24,646.62</u>	<u>\$23,195.00</u>

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming; Brethren if you will refer to the Budget as printed. Item for the Washington Conference. You will have noted from the report of the Board of General Purposes that this is reduced by half to \$375.00 and the Total Disbursements are now estimated at \$23,195.00.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Cumming (134), seconded by R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83) that the report of the Committee on Finance and the Budget for 1956-1957 be received and adopted.

Grand Master: Brethren, you have heard the motion. Any discussion?

W. Bro. H. Chowne (164) moved an amendment, seconded by R.W. Bro. G. P. Puffer (170), that the allotment for expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters be increased from \$50.00 each to \$150.00 each. W. Bro. Chowne spoke to the motion at some length and drew attention to the increased costs of the present day and the services to Grand Lodge by the District Deputy Grand Masters. He requested that the members consider the distances necessarily travelled and that in many cases the incumbent of the Office was only a working man.

M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134) drew attention to need of Grand Lodge obtaining all necessary funds from the Constituent Lodges and that if the expenses were increased it might mean that in another year it would be necessary to raise the per capita tax. The Grand Secretary quoted Section 55a of the Constitution—that the remuneration for D.D.G.M.'s would be set by Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29): Many years ago when I was District Deputy Grand Master we travelled by horse and buggy. It seems to me that it is not just a matter of dollars and cents for the individual, I cannot believe that the Mason comes forward or that we will get better men to offer themselves for the job by payment. I hate to see it go in, regardless of whether it is a thousand dollars or some other figure. It would likely lead to something else; another Brother next year will come up with a request for \$250.00, that is typical of all these things. I am opposed to it, I am sorry to say. I am now the Senior of all Past Grand Masters in Alberta due to the passing of a very dear Brother of mine, but being the oldest I simply want to say that I cannot believe that the time is opportune to increase the amount allotted to the District Deputies.

R.W. Bro. W. L. McPhee (9), D.D.G.M. of District No. 1 said that the honour of being a District Deputy was sufficient and he was surprised to receive even fifty dollars.

M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29) drew attention to the fact that many officers other than District Deputy Grand Masers worked for Grand Lodge without thought of remuneration and nearly all the D.D.G.M.'s had the enthusiastic support of their Lodge. He stated he was against the appropriation of Fifty Dollars when it was introduced a few years ago as the earlier District Deputy Grand Masters worked under considerable hardship without thought of pay, and he saw no reason why they should not do so today.

W. Bro. H. Chowne (164) closed the debate by saying that he was thinking of the D.D.G.M.'s expenses away from home. There were many who were deterred from accepting the job because of the expense involved.

The amendment was then put and declared LOST.

The motion to adopt the report of the Finance committee and the Budget was then put and carried.

Motion by Evergreen Lodge No. 166

The following motion, notice of which appeared in the notice calling Grand Lodge was moved by R.W. Bro. Pryce Jones (166) seconded by M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey (51).

"That Evergreen Lodge No. 166 now of Jasper Place, Alberta, receive concurred jurisdiction with the City of Edmonton Lodges". The M.W. The Grand Master explained that Evergreen Lodge has purchased a building three blocks outside the City of Edmonton boundary. The City of Edmonton Lodges agreed to their request and Dispensation was issued for the current year. The question was now before Grand Lodge. There being no discussion, the motion was put and CARRIED.

Declaration of Election of Grand Master

The Grand Master: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce to you that R.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11) has been elected GRAND MASTER by acclamation. Applause. May I extend my congratulations to you R.W. Bro. Sheppard and assure you of all the support that I can give.

I wish to inform the Brethren that the Ballot will be closed in fifty-five minutes. If any have not balloted, please do so.

REPORT OF BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Board of Benevolence take pleasure in presenting herewith their annual report of the service rendered to the Craft during the past year.

At the outset of this report we wish to pay tribute to the memory of one of our members who departed this life on Wednesday, November 23rd, 1955, R. W. Brother George W. Bureau, P.D.D.G.M., who was laid to rest in the Field of Honor, in Burnsland Cemetery, Calgary. The large gathering of friends who packed St. Barnabas Anglican Church gave ample evidence of the high esteem in which he was held, especially so was this true of the presence of so many ex-service men, many of whom he had helped along the road of life. As a member of our Board he was very valuable in investigating cases, his knowledge of human nature and his quiet manner enabled him to obtain the facts which assisted the Board to decide on the merits of the application presented. His work brought him in close touch with the social services and his knowledge of governmental regulations was of great assistance to this Board on many occasions. We mourn his loss and revere his memory.

Your Board have held regular meetings throughout the past year, usually on the last Saturday of the month. All cases presented have been promptly attended to. Our records show that we are assisting 27 widows and 15 Brethren, cheques are going out each month, 13 new cases were added and 9 concluded during this period. The total amount spent during the past year amounted to \$9,683.73, and there was refunded \$503.66, leaving the net amount paid out at \$9,180.07. It was very gratifying to

note that one widow found herself to be in more affluent circumstances refunded the amount that had been paid her.

During the past year the application form required to be submitted with each request for assistance has been revised to give the Board more complete information.

Each year we endeavor to review the grants given and to that end we seek the co-operation of the Lodge Secretaries. Some of these officers are very prompt in making replies but frequently repeated letters have to be sent to elicit the desired information. As has been pointed out on many occasions the assistance given by this Board is only supplementary, the Lodge being responsible for each of its recipients. Not infrequently do we find that the Lodge has lost track of brethren receiving assistance; in fact in one case the Grand Secretary discovered one Brother who has been in receipt of a cheque for a number of years, had been suspended while receiving assistance. In another case we were compelled to withhold cheques for several months to a widow and children until the Lodge officials answered the Grand Secretary's letters. This is not good enough Brethren, and if this Board is to serve the Craft efficiently, we must have the full co-operation of all the lodges and their Officers.

A full list of Beneficiaries is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

President.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28) that the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9): Brethren, this Committee meets at least once a month and sometimes more frequently. It is often necessary for us to ask that the Lodge should take a deeper interest in the cases that they submit to us. We are always willing to help, in some cases we are prepared to accept two thirds of the responsibility where the Lodge is not able to meet the requirements. In other cases we are compelled to suggest to the Lodges that they should not be so parsimonious, but to remember that the dollar does not go as far today as it used to. I think that we should be as liberal as we possibly can, I realize that Government regulations do interfere with this, but we have ways and means by which some difficulties may be overcome. Nevertheless we do try to see that every comfort is given in those cases referred to us and each is dealt with on its merits.

The motion was then put and Carried.

The Grand Master: I would like on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to express to M.W. Bro. Ireland and his Board our thanks for very painstaking work, and a vote of that kind should also go to M.W. Bro. Cumming and his Committee on Finance. I have had an opportunity during this past year of seeing something of the splendid work of these two Committees and they are most deserving of your thoughtful and considerate praise. (Applause.)

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE.

May 1st, 1955 to April 30th, 1956

Lodge No.	Case No.	Status	Year Started	Paid
1	2	Widow	1935	\$150.00
50	3	Brother	1935	360.00
28	4	Widow	1935	200.00
106	5	Widow	1936	125.00
26	6	Widow	1937	180.00
82	8	Widow	1941	180.00
114	9	Brother	1943	165.00
47	10	Widow	1945	135.00
7	11	Widow	1946	240.00
106	12	Widow	1946	240.00
14	13	Widow	1948	60.00
55	14	Brother	1948	120.00*
93	15	Widow	1948	120.00
82	17	Widow	1949	180.00
59	18	Widow	1949	190.00
7	20	Widow	1950	300.00
9	21	Widow	1950	180.00
161	23	Widow	1951	340.00
3	26	Brother	1951	300.00
77	28	Brother	1953	900.00
41	29	Widow	1953	140.00
159	30	Brother	1953	600.00
77	31	Widow	1953	60.00
93	32	Widow	1954	130.00
2	33	Brother	1954	300.00
9	34	Sister	1954	223.73*
81	35	Brother	1954	300.00
159	36	Widow	1954	600.00
61	37	Brother	1954	168.00
23	38	Widow	1954	300.00*
2	42	Widow	1955	125.00
104	44	Widow	1955	220.00
152	46	Sister	1955	240.00
36	47	Widow	1955	150.00
68	48	Brother	1955	307.50
6	49	Widow	1955	50.00
83	50	Widow	1955	250.00
22	51	Widow	1955	165.00*
73	52	Widow	1955	35.00
77	53	Brother	1955	25.00*
118	54	Wife	1955	100.00
24	55	Brother	1956	90.00
59	56	Brother	1956	37.50
68	57	Brother	1956	200.00
73	58	Brother	1956	40.00
		Miscellaneous	Grants	162.00
				\$ 9,683.73
				Refunds in cases marked* 503.66
				Net Grants \$9,180.07

MOTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Two notices of motion to amend the Constitution were presented in proper form to Grand Lodge. The Grand Master called for the first, V.W. Bro. G. S. Maxwell on behalf of and sponsored by Vermilion Lodge No. 24.

That Section 147 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the last five lines thereof and by inserting the word TYLER immediately after the word CHAPLAIN in the first line. The Section will then read:

147. The Chaplain, Tyler, Deacons and such other subordinate Officers as the By-Laws of each Lodge shall designate shall be appointed by the Master after his election and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable after their appointment.

R.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24) advised that V.W. Bro. G. S. Maxwell was sick and unable to be present to speak to his motion and he requested that it be allowed to stand over until the Communication of 1957. This was agreed to by members present, and so ordered by the Grand Master.

W. Bro. L. J. Daniels (87) on behalf of Crescent Lodge No. 87 moved: THAT Section 165 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted:

165. All the business of the Lodge, except the actual conferring of Degrees or ceremonies otherwise provided for, shall be transacted in the third degree for which purpose the Lodge may be opened and closed in the third degree only. When conferring degrees only is the order of business, the Lodge need only be opened at the discretion of the Master, in such degree or degrees as are to be conferred and closed in the same degrees only.

Seconded by W. Bro. R. Alexandre (87).

The Grand Master: You have heard the motion. Is there any discussion?

M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35) stated that in his opinion the Lodge would not be properly constituted if opened in the third degree only. He was utterly opposed to this amendment.

R.W. Bro. W. E. Briggs (101) stated that he too was opposed to the motion and he was also opposed to the growing tendency to close in short form. It detracted from the dignity of the ceremonies.

The Motion was then put and declared LOST.

The Grand Master: I have noted R.W. Bro. Briggs' remarks about Lodges closing in short form. I have noted this myself and shall have to refer the matter to the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary for some investigation.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF
MASONRY
1955 - 1956**

To The Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Officers and Members,
The Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry in Alberta herewith submits its report for the year 1955-56. Most of this information was obtained from the reports submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

It is very gratifying to report Masonry in this Province is in a very healthy condition and progress has been made in the various branches of the work. The Grand Master and the District Grand Masters have given freely of their time and energy for the cause of Masonry. They did much visiting and attended many functions in the interests of our Fraternity.

Although many Lodges are devoting considerable time to Masonic Education, it would appear that more emphasis should be placed on this phase of our work.

All the members, particularly the new members should be encouraged to read Masonic Literature. Much information is contained in the "Bulletin," the Grand Lodge Proceedings and the Banff Conference papers. Most members receive a copy of the Bulletin each month from September to June; the other two publications are available from the Secretary of the Lodge.

Your Committee feels that each Master should urge the members in his Lodge to become familiar with much of our Masonic history and the meaning of our symbolism.

If the interest of the Brethren is to be stimulated and maintained it is essential that this important phase of our Lodge work should be emphasized.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M. was celebrated in the City of Edmonton on Friday, October 14th, 1955. While the Committee in charge of this Anniversary spent considerable time planning the nature it would take, much of the credit for its marked success goes to our Grand Master, M. W. Brother S. Carl Heckbert for his efforts and ability in planning, organizing and conducting the meeting.

About eight hundred Masons were present. A booklet was prepared, outlining in some detail the programme that was provided. It made reference to the many distinguished guests who attended from other Jurisdictions. We were particularly honored by having in attendance R. W. Brother Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis, former Governor General of Canada. He represented the United Grand Lodge of England. He was escorted to the Altar by M. W. Brother Sam Harris, Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England. Among other guests were:

His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Dr. J. J. Bowlen,
Honorable E. C. Manning, Premier of the Province of Alberta,

His Worship, the Mayor of Edmonton, Brother William Hawrelak, Each of these gave inspiring addresses.

A service of Thanksgiving was held in the Masonic Temple in the afternoon. M. W. Brother G. M. Blackstock, the Guest Speaker, gave an outstanding Address.

In the evening the banquet was held in the Macdonald Hotel at which the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Brother S. Carl Heckbert presided. The main Address following the banquet was delivered by M. W. Brother Douglas, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. His remarks were very informative and were followed by the Brethren with great interest.

Several distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions made very appropriate remarks after the banquet.

The Brethren will find it very interesting to read the booklet prepared by Grand Lodge, giving a detailed report of the Anniversary.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The District Deputy Grand Masters performed their duties faithfully. These officials are responsible in no small way for maintaining a high standard of work in their respective districts. They emphasize the dignity of our Fraternity together with the moral and social values which our organization inculcates.

We commend these officials for their zeal and for their work in carrying out the duties of their office. A word of thanks is also extended to the District Secretaries who gave of their time and energy in assisting the District Deputy Grand Masters.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary attended all the District Meetings. In many cases they were accompanied by other Grand Lodge Officers. This gave the members at large an opportunity to meet their leaders and obtain first hand information on Masonic matters in which they were particularly interested.

The success of the District Meeting depends to a great extent on the enthusiasm and organizing ability of the District Deputy Grand Master. In several cases the District Deputy visited the Master of each Lodge in his District at least once before the District Meeting and urged him to impress on the members the advisability of having as many members of his Lodge as possible, at the District Meeting. This policy is recommended to all District Deputies.

It would be advisable for the in-coming District Deputy to accompany the District Deputy Grand Master to as many District Meetings as possible.

By so doing the in-coming District Deputy not only becomes acquainted with many Brethren in his district, but also becomes familiar with the duties of the District Deputy and is thereby in a better position to carry out his work as District Deputy during the coming year.

There was a great variation in the attendance at the District Meetings. At some, every Lodge in the district had adequate representation while in other districts some Lodges were not represented and other Lodges had only one or two members present.

Each District Deputy should aim to have a good representation from each Lodge in his District at the District Meeting.

The following method was used by one in-coming District Deputy last year. The results obtained were very successful and I recommend it for the consideration of in-coming District Deputy Grand Masters.

1. An informal meeting of the members of the Lodge of which the in-coming District Deputy was a member, was held in the Spring. Several Committees, Publicity, Entertainment, Transportation, Sick and Visiting, with a Chairman in each were formed to assist in looking after the needs of the District for 1955-56.
2. In April and May before he became District Deputy Grand Master, he and some members of his Lodge visited all Lodges in his District with a view of getting better acquainted and finding out any problems confronting each Lodge.
3. Letters were sent to the Secretaries from time to time, keeping them up to date with the programme arrangements for the District Meeting.
4. About one month previous to the District Meeting a letter was sent to every lodge for each member in the District, advising him of the District Meeting and noting several reasons why he should attend.
5. Shortly before the District Meeting he visited all the Lodges or the Secretaries and discussed the District Meeting.

The result was that there was a marked increase in the attendance at the District Meeting as compared with previous years. Also, where he visited the Lodges officially at a later date, the attendance in most Lodges showed a marked increase.

Suspension for N. P. D.

We are sorry to report that 149 Brethren were suspended for non-payment of dues. It is quite probable that many of these suspensions would not have occurred if the members had received more Masonic education and had been encouraged to read more articles relating to Masonry.

The following table shows the number of members suspended for non-payment of dues during the past six years:

Year	Number of Suspensions
1950.....	70
1951.....	119
1952.....	116
1953.....	124
1954.....	118
1955.....	149

No suspensions for this cause were made in ninety-four Lodges.

The policy of Grand Lodge in connection with the suspension of Brethren for non-payment of dues as clearly set out in Sec. No. 232 of the Constitution; is quite satisfactory. In many cases some of the Officers of the Lodge have an interview with any Brother who is liable for suspension before the suspension is put into effect. This method is recommended to all Lodges.

Books and Records

In most cases the records of the Lodges are kept in good condition.

One District Deputy Grand Master reported that the operating expenses of the Lodge were not being met by the dues received from the members. This condition should not continue. In general, the financial records indicate the constituent Lodges are in a healthy condition.

There is a great difference in the manner in which the Historical Register is kept in the various Lodges. In some cases the Historical records of the Lodge are very carefully prepared, while in others very little attention is paid to this important part of our Lodge records. It is hoped that each Master will make a special effort to have the Historical Register in his Lodge properly prepared. The importance of this may not be fully appreciated at present, but in the years to come, the information contained in the Historical Register may and probably will be very interesting and helpful.

Membership

Most Lodges report an increase in membership during the past year. The following table gives the membership on December 31st for the past six years:

1950.....	15,509
1951.....	16,055
1952.....	16,552
1953.....	16,976
1954.....	17,333
1955.....	17,726

The above figures show that our membership has increased annually by about four hundred.

Due to the great industrial development that is taking place in Alberta there are many Brethren coming to this Province from other centres. Also many Brethren are being transferred from one centre to another. A special effort should be made to welcome these Brethren at our meetings. If this were done it is quite possible our membership would be further increased.

Attendance

There is a great variation in the percentage of the members attending the various Lodges. Some of the smallest Lodges have a very high percentage of attendance; some of the large Lodges, particularly in the cities, have a very low percentage of attendance.

The following methods may be used by the Worshipful Masters to improve the attendance:

1. Have your Lodge visit other Lodges as often as possible and encourage the Brethren of your Lodge to visit other Lodges.
2. Have side benchers put on some Degree under a capable Past Master. This creates much interest among the younger Brethren.
3. Have the Officers of the Lodge get in touch with all brethren who are not attending and encourage them to become active members.
4. Have a short address as often as possible on Masonic Education and Instruction.

The data noted below shows the percentage of attendance of resident members at Lodge meeting during the past year:

Number of Resident Members in Lodges		Percentage of Attendance
Resident membership up to.....	50	55.9%
Resident membership from.....	51 to 100	38.9%
Resident membership from.....	101 to 200	33.5%
Resident membership from.....	201 to 300	26.3%
Resident membership over.....	300	18.1%

One of the smaller Lodges with a resident membership of twenty-three had eighty-seven percent of the resident members present on the average at each meeting.

One of the large Lodges with a resident membership of over three-hundred had less than fifteen percent of its resident members present on the average.

The Work

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters indicated that in most cases the work is being well done. Most of the Officers realize the importance of having the Degrees conferred impressively and with dignity.

This conclusion is varied by comments made by other Grand Lodge Officers who have seen the work done in several Lodges in various parts of the Province.

General Information

1. During the year thirty Brethren were presented with Fifty Year Jewels. It is probable that the number of such presentations will increase from year to year.

2. On October 28th Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 at High River celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. Carstairs Lodge No. 20 celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary on April 5th.

3. Jubilee Lodge U. D. in Calgary, was Instituted by the Grand Master on January 17th, 1956. In commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. This new Lodge has fifty Charter Members.

4. Foothills Lodge U. D. in Calgary, was Instituted by the Grand Master on April 13th, 1956.

Conclusion

A perusal of the Reports of the District Grand Masters indicates that Masonry in this Jurisdiction is in good condition. Some problems have arisen in a few Lodges but these are being handled satisfactorily.

Many Lodges held special meetings during the year to commemorate certain occasions, such as "Burns Night," "Irish Night," "St. George's Night," "Empire Day," "Dominion Day." The outstanding meeting however, was the special Communication held in Edmonton on Friday, October 14th, 1955 when Grand Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary.

During the year a number of the Lodges were granted special Dispensations for the purpose of attending Divine Service. These Services are doubtless of value to the members and make a favorable impression

upon the public mind. Many Lodges attended Divine Service without regalia. In these cases a Dispensation is not required.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have discharged their duty to the best of their abilities and have made a valuable contribution to Masonry in this Province. We wish to recognize the faithful service they have rendered by recommending to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following Brethren:

W. L. McPhee,
A. J. G. Lauder,
A. F. Lissack,
W. G. Smith,
H. C. Allen,
J. H. Buchan,
R. E. Newcom,
B. W. Holt,
C. S. Smallwood,
W. S. Kent,

E. J. Fooks,
H. McPhail,
C. W. Johnson,
E. C. Cosstick,
C. Sinclair,
W. G. Lewis,
G. M. Hewson,
W. A. MacCrimmon,
F. S. Bird,

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. S. SHEPPARD, D. G. M.,
(Chairman)
C. C. Hartman, P. G. M.
L. W. Bond, P. G. M.
W. H. Williams, P. D. D. G. M.

Moved by R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard (11), seconded by M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124) that the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A. M.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

At the outset of this report we would like to pay tribute to M. W. Bro. Ellis, who felt it necessary for reasons of health to resign from the Committee during the year. M. W. Bro. Ellis was appointed to the Committee by M. W. Bro. Galbraith in 1943, following the passing of M. W. Bro. Kemmis, and he has served continuously since that date, being Chairman for the last two years. He has taken a great interest in the work of the Committee and we hope that his health may be restored so that he may continue to take an active interest in the affairs of Grand Lodge.

We feel, too, that this Committee should make special reference to the passing of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher on April 12th 1956. M. W.

Bro. Connacher was the sole custodian of the Ancient York Rite work from 1905 to 1938 and probably had more to do with the Ancient York working than any other member. We mourn the passing of a great Ritualist and a true Mason.

Consequent upon the resignation of M. W. Bro. Ellis the M. W. The Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. W. F. Empey to be Chairman of the Committee and appointed R. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, the Grand Secretary, to be a member of the Committee.

The following matters, all relating to the Ancient York Work, were placed before the Committee during the year:

1. Protest from one Lodge in reference to the position of the c. in N. E. corner. The present ruling was reaffirmed by the members of the Committee for the Ancient York Rite.
2. Question as to S.D.'s line of march with Ballot Box, from two Lodges. Diagram supplied to each Lodge
3. Question as to members Balloting and their line of march. Diagram supplied to Lodge.

Many of the Rulings, as supplied to every Lodge in April 1955 were discussed at District Meetings. It was drawn to our attention that one or two matters were at variance with the Ritual. In each case the Ruling of the Ritual takes precedence. Many very minor questions were brought up. Brethren, if the dignity and meaning of the Ritual is imparted to our Candidates in the Degree work I do not think that we need worry too much about the minor details, in the Essentials we need Unity and in the Non-essentials some Liberty can be permitted. The main point is to adequately impart the teachings handed down to us.

We do not consider that the individual rulings, which have been supplied to the Lodges, can be discussed in Grand Lodge with any advantage. Some individuals have ideas that are different to those of the Committee, we would expect those members to properly place their views before the Committee, through their Lodge, for consideration. We do hope, however, that when the Committee has given a ruling based on their research and enquiry, that it will be cheerfully accepted. Some practices in the Jurisdiction of Alberta vary slightly from those of other Jurisdictions and when members come from another Jurisdiction we expect, and rightfully we believe, that they will cheerfully conform to the practices established in the Jurisdiction of their adoption.

Up until the present time the Grand Secretary has been authorised to issue Rituals to the five senior officers of the Lodge, The W.M.; S.W.; J.W.; S.D.; and J.D., as well as Past Masters. We are advised that there has been considerable difficulty in keeping track of the Rituals for the Officers of the Lodge and we now authorise the Grand Secretary to adopt the proposal contained in his report of last year, namely to issue, at the request of the Lodge concerned, a Ritual to the new Junior Deacon. This Ritual will remain with him as he progresses through the Chairs and, subject to the wish of the Lodge, may be kept by him afterwards. It will no longer be necessary for the Lodge to account for each Ritual at the Installation of their new officers. Rituals will only be issued when proper request is made through the Secretary of the Lodge, they will be charged for at the current price. When the member passes away the Lodge which he belonged to should arrange to collect the Ritual from his effects

and advise the Grand Secretary's office to whom it is issued, or send it in for destruction. The register can then be changed accordingly.

Fraternally submitted.

Waldo F. EMPEY, P. G. M., Chairman
J. A. LIVINGSTONE, P. D. D. G. M.
F. WHITFIELD, P. G. R.
E. H. RIVERS, Grand Secretary

Moved by M.W. Bro. W. F. Empey (51), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51) that the Report of the Committee on the Work be received and adopted.

The Grand Master: Those of you who attended District Meetings last year will recall that many of the points were discussed at considerable length. Is there any discussion?

M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26): M.W. Grand Master and Brethren. The last speaker announced to you that there was only one objection registered against the rulings of this Committee. I was formerly on this Committee and the other members with me asked what I thought about a certain ruling, that is the position of the candidate's feet at the N.E. corner. Well, before I go any further I would like to correct that statement, because when he is placed in the N.E. corner he is not a Candidate, he is a Brother, having already been addressed as such by the Worshipful Master. This Committee calls him a candidate all the way through; he is not a candidate any more, he is a Brother, the same as the rest of us.

I was asked what I thought of this change, which was passed by the Committee. I consistently refused to consent to it, since I resigned from the Committee and another Brother was appointed this has gone through. My Lodge, Sentinel No. 26 at Hillcrest, 400 miles from here, has been the only Lodge to send in a protest. The Worshipful Master is not here, therefore I am speaking for him. I shall quote the ruling — Ruling quoted — I shall also quote from the Ancient Charges — quotation given — Brethren no one may make any changes. I claim there has been a change made here. I therefore move an amendment to the motion that this portion of the report be referred back to the Committee for report next year. Seconded by M.W. Bro. W. Ireland.

The amendment was then put and carried.

M.W. Bro. Galbraith (29): M.W. Bro. Blackstock mentioned some time ago the evil of attrition that is creeping into this institution. There is further evidence of it in this report. The final paragraph of the report says that there will be issued a new copy of the Ritual to the Junior Deacon, which he may retain as he progresses through the Chairs. This suggests that once a man has been appointed to an office he will automatically become, in time, Worshipful Master.

If we adopt this report it means that the Worshipful Master will have no power over who is his Senior Deacon after this. I am opposed to that most vigorously. Just because a man has been named to an office for one year there is no reason why he must be continued, I will move an amendment that this portion of the report be referred back to the Committee for further study. Seconded by M.W. Bro. Bradley (51). Carried.

The Grand Master: Brethren, the two amendments have dealt with portions of the report and each paragraph has been referred back to the Committee. I will now put the motion that the remainder of the report be received and adopted. Carried.

MOTIONS RE FINANCE

M.W. Bro. Cumming (134): In the report of the Finance Committee we recommended that \$67,500.00 in the Relief Surplus Account be transferred to the Benevolent Account. Now, M.W. Grand Master, I am going to make a separate motion on this so that there can be no question raised in years to come. I move that \$67,500.00 in the Relief Surplus Account be transferred to the Benevolent Account. Seconded by R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83).

The Grand Master: I think it is clear to you. The Report of the Committee on Finance was adopted a little earlier and before we deal with the motion I think that we should refer back to that report. Is that agreeable to the assembly? Agreed. You have M.W. Bro. Cumming's motion, that in view of the substantial amount of money involved the suggestion should not be buried in the basic report but should be dealt with as a separate matter. Is there any discussion.

The motion was put and carried.

M.W. Bro. Cumming: Some years ago we agreed to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from both the Relief and General Funds to the Superannuation Fund each year. Last year we agreed to reduce this to \$500.00 from each fund. We now have \$20,000.00 in the Superannuation Fund and there is no need for further transfers at the present time. The Grand Secretary pays 5% of his salary into the Fund. I move, seconded by R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83) that the transfer of the sum of \$500.00 from the Relief Fund and the General Fund be discontinued.

The Grand Master: Brethren this means that for the present the transfer to the Superannuation Fund will be discontinued. They can be resumed at any time in the future, when necessary, by this Grand Lodge. Is there any discussion?

The motion was put and carried.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I am happy to again report that all lodges subscribe for our Grand Lodge Bulletin, the number of Bulletins printed were 15,925 copies an increase of 125.

It is rather discouraging to note that 57 lodges do not subscribe for a sufficient number of Bulletins in order that every member of their lodge receive a copy. This is especially the case with some of the larger lodges who subscribe for a small number of Bulletins, it appears the reason being some Secretaries do not wish to mail the Bulletins with their Lodge Notices, whilst others are afraid it will increase the cost of postage. Surely brethren our Grand Lodge Bulletin is well worth any necessary postage in order to mail it to all members.

I again tender my sincere thanks to all the Brethren who have so kindly contributed articles to the Bulletin during the year, many of these articles have been reproduced in other Grand Lodge Bulletins throughout

the Masonic World, which, I think, is a criterion that our Grand Lodge Bulletin is well thought of and agreeably accepted.

SAM HARRIS

Editor of the Grand Lodge
Bulletin

Moved by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by M.W. Bro. L. W. Bond (137), that the report of the Editor of the Bulletin be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Edmonton, June 13th, 1956.

To the M.W. Grand Master,

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Bro. & Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations report that no new applications have been received for fraternal recognition.

We would, however, draw attention to two books which have come to hand. The first on Grand Lodge Recognition, being a symposium on the Conditions of Grand Lodge Recognition compiled and published by the Commission on Information for recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. The second book is entitled "Regular, Irregular and Clandestine Grand Lodges," a study in Foreign Recognitions, by M.W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M.

The book on Grand Lodge Recognition is one that should be read by every Mason for it sets out in clear and concise form the basic principles and foundations upon which Freemasonry is established. The following subjects are dealt with:

Legitimacy of Origin

Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction

Belief in God

The Volume of the Sacred Law

Prohibition of Politics and Religion

A study of this book would give the average Freemason a clearer understanding of the meaning and purpose of Freemasonry and many Lodges would do well to have some brethren read the book and lead discussions on its several chapters. To M.W. Bro. Thomas S. Roy, P.G.M. and his Committee we extend congratulations on their achievement.

Under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, P.G.M. of Nova Scotia, the All Canada Conference have been giving some consideration to the matter of Fraternal Recognition. The report submitted by M.W. Bro. Harris at the last conference is very complete and should form a guide to the Canadian Grand Lodges when considering applications for recognition.

We would express our thanks and appreciation to the several Grand Lodges which have supplied us with copies of their Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. IRELAND, Chairman
S. HARRIS
F. P. GALBRAITH
W. H. HARPER.

Moved by M.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88) that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Master: Brethren, it is now four o'clock and I declare the Ballot closed. I will request M.W. Bro. Ireland to assume his duties as Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers and will request the Brethren who have been selected to act, to approach the Altar. M.W. Bro. Ireland and twenty members then retired.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the M.W. The Grand Master,

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Grand Master & Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs to report on two cases as follows:

Case No. 36.

The member in this case was charged with unmasonic conduct, without exact specification thereof. It would appear that before any date had been fixed for the trial of the alleged offence, that the accused wrote to the Lodge apologizing for his conduct and to quote part of his letter he said, "I admit the offence and agree to abide by the decision of the Lodge."

At that time he did not know the precise nature of the offence with which he was charged, although in his own mind he must have known.

The Lodge having heard the charge, accepted it but decided that in view of the terms of the accused's letter no trial was necessary and at once determined upon pronouncing sentence, which was indefinite suspension.

We must point out that the accused had no opportunity of answering the charge, nor of offering any facts in mitigation of sentence, and we deprecate the failure of the Lodge to comply strictly with the rules in this regard.

On the other hand we do not feel that we can censure and do not censure the Lodge, recognizing as we do that a Masonic Lodge is not composed of legalistic experts.

And so — while rules should be observed it must be conceded that when a virtual plea of guilty has been advanced even before the date of a trial has been fixed, a Lodge of Laymen cannot be criticized for accepting such a plea and acting thereon.

Your committee recommends that, as far as we have jurisdiction to do so, Grand Lodge concur in the disposition of the case.

Case Number 37.

The member in this case was charged with unmasonic conduct and after due trial at which he (in his absence but represented by an able Brother) was found guilty by his Lodge and was sentenced to be severely reprimanded. We presume that this sentence was duly carried out.

The proceedings were conducted with meticulous attention to the rules governing Masonic Trials and your committee so far as it has jurisdiction to do so recommends that Grand Lodge concur in the disposition of the case.

Faternally submitted,

G. M. BLACKSTOCK, P.G.M.
R. J. BRADLEY, P.G.M.
J. L. LITTLE, P.D.D.G.M.
W. G. STILLMAN, P.M.

Moved by M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51), that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge, of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:—

I am happy to tender you my report as Grand Historian, the history of Grand Lodge, as far as I am capable of writing it, is completed and I hereby submit it to you in duplicate for your acceptance or otherwise.

It has been a long and arduous assignment. The history is prefaced with a brief history of the formation of our Province of Alberta together with a record of the meetings leading to the formation of the 18 original lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Each year has been treated as a separate chapter. Provision has been made that each Chapter shall be prefaced with a photograph of the then M.W. Grand Master. The chapter contains a record of all Lodges constituted, the date and by whom constituted. Similarly a record of all Lodges instituted, names of the first principal officers, date and place of institution and by whom. Each year or chapter contains the names of the elected Grand Lodge Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters and the autobiographies of many Grand Masters since the year 1932, no biographies being available to your Grand Historian previous to this date. Each chapter also contains a brief record of the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, Membership, Dedications, Special Communications and other items of interest; names of distinguished visitors, honorary rank conferred, etc.

I realize a more complete and interesting history can be written and even at this early date I can see where the history can be improved upon, but at least, it is a start and something not attempted before although others in the early days had been commissioned to do so.

Fifty Years together with all the previous years back to January 12, 1882 when a dispensation was given by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to

open the first lodge in what is now the Province of Alberta is a long length of time to record, I have done my best Brethren and hope it meets in some small way with your approval.

In conclusion I cannot too strongly suggest that all lodges who have not already done so, request some capable member of the lodge to record the complete history of their lodge. Today's ordinary and usual occurrence is the history of tomorrow.

Fraternally Submitted,

SAM HARRIS,
Grand Historian

Moved by M.W. Bro. Harris (88), seconded by M.W. Bro. L. W. Bond (137), that the report of the Grand Historian be received and the History placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

The Grand Master: Brethren, I want to pay tribute to M.W. Bro. Sam Harris for a monumental work. For the last several years he has expended a very great deal of time and energy in gathering from every source available to him all detail that could be obtained of the early years of this Grand Lodge. I doubt if there is any other single individual in this Grand Lodge who would have so conscientiously carried out the duty assigned to him. We owe M.W. Bro. Sam Harris a great debt of gratitude and I ask you to show your appreciation. (Loud applause.)

Brethren, I will put the motion. I declare the motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:—

Your Committee hereby submits their report on Research and Education. A meeting of the Committee was held in the Grand Secretary's office on December 27, 1955.

Your Committee feels that more time should be devoted at Lodge Meetings to Masonic Education. It is realized that this presents a difficult problem in lodges where there are a great many candidates and much time is necessary to confer degrees.

However, it was felt that the Master of each lodge should arrange for a member of his lodge or an adjoining lodge to give short addresses on some Masonic subject at various meetings throughout the year. The addresses should not exceed fifteen minutes in length.

All the brethren, especially the newly made Master Masons, should be encouraged to read articles relating to Masonic history and Masonic teachings. The Master should point out where such information is available.

In this connection references should be made to the Bulletin and the "Proceedings of Grand Lodge." Most members receive the Bulletin each month and the Proceedings of Grand Lodge are available from the secretary of the Lodge. Books on Masonic subjects are also available from the Grand Secretary.

During the past year quite a number of papers on Masonic subjects have been delivered at many lodges in this jurisdiction.

Sam Harris (88) Chairman	W. H. Williams (2)
R. S. Sheppard (11)	W. G. Stillman (142)
R. F. Lawrence (87)	R. W. Austin (124)

Moved by R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard (11), seconded by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88) that the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the M. W. The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren,

During the year under review two Lodges have been granted Dispensations:

JUBILEE LODGE (Canadian Rite).....	Calgary District 18
FOOTHILLS LODGE (Ancient York Rite).....	Calgary District 1

Jubilee Lodge was Instituted on January 17th 1956 and Fifty members signed the Petition. There is a good balance between older members and young members and the Officers are well skilled. The Lodge has requested that the Charter be granted at this Communication and this is recommended by R. W. Bro. F. S. Bird, D.D.G.M. of District No. 18. Your Committee examined the Books and records of the Lodge at a meeting on May 17th and found everything in excellent condition. Your Committee therefor recommends most heartily that Jubilee Lodge be granted their Charter.

Foothills Lodge was Instituted on April 13th 1956 with Forty members signing the petition, it is recommended that they continue under Dispensation until the Communication of 1957.

Both of these Lodges were Instituted by the M. W. The Grand Master and indicate the interest in Freemasonry in Calgary at the present time. We understand that another Lodge will be instituted in Edmonton on the eve of Grand Lodge and would like to say that there appears to be room for further expansion in both of these growing Cities.

Fraternally submitted.

D. D. McQueen, J. G. W., Chairman,
C. H. Westmore, P. D. D. G. M.
R. W. Austin.

Moved by R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen (74), seconded by W. Bro. R. W. Austin (124) that the report of the Committee on Charters and new Lodges be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT ON THE BANFF CONFERENCE

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers,
and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

Acting upon your instructions, that as Secretary of the Banff Conference, I give a brief account. I take pleasure in submitting the following report which I trust will meet with your approval.

This was the Fifteenth Anniversary of our Conference, and was convened at Banff on September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1955. All sessions were chaired by our President, M.W. Bro. K. P. Warwick of British Columbia.

Our attendance was excellent, twenty seven representatives of our four Western Jurisdictions being present—five from Manitoba, nine from British Columbia, three from Saskatchewan, and ten from Alberta.

The distinguished guests numbered eight. From the Grand Lodge of Minnesota the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary. From the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. From the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, the Grand Master, and from the Grand Lodge of Montana, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

The Fraternal Hour meeting was opened by President Warwick with a few well chosen remarks, and after an address of welcome by Wor. Bro. Stafford, Wor. Master of Cascade No. 5, the President introduced the key note speaker, M.W. Bro. Roy Long, Past Grand Master of British Columbia.

In my last report I mentioned we were looking forward with anticipation to Bro. Long's address. It was without a doubt a masterly effort and a rare Masonic treat, and once again a Masonic atmosphere was created by this address which pervaded the entire sessions of our meeting.

At the conclusion of the Fraternal hour meeting, a very pleasant ceremony was conducted by our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Heckbert, when he presented to Wor. Bro. Stafford and members of Cascade Lodge No. 5, a set of chrome plated working tools in a walnut case, and a special walnut pedestal for displaying the tools. Both were ornamented with engraved plates from the donors, the members and distinguished guests of the Conference, in recognition of the splendid spirit of service and hospitality by the members of Cascade over the years.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, light refreshments were served to the delegates and their ladies by Cascade Lodge.

On the first day of the Conference proper, the ladies present were entertained by Grand Master and Mrs. Heckbert to a drive and luncheon, which according to the reports reaching the Secretary, was a most pleasing and enjoyable affair.

The four papers, with ample discussion time seems now to be recognized as a standard Agenda, and much benefit is accruing from the additional time we can take in the discussion periods.

It has been a great pleasure and a rare Masonic experience to me, that I have had the pleasure of working with so many Presidents over the years, for as you are undoubtedly aware, each year the President is elected from a different province. This year we have as President,

M.W. Bro. Bob Emmett of Manitoba, and next year we shall have an outstanding Mason from Saskatchewan.

Just previous to the close of our meeting, the Secretary was instructed by motion to again express our thanks to the members of Cascade Lodge for the use of their beautiful Lodge Room and for their continued expressions of Masonic hospitality.

Our Nineteen Fifty Six meeting will be held on September 6th, 7th and 8th, 1956. The Fraternal Hour speaker will be M.W. Bro. J. R. Evans, P.G.M. of Manitoba, and we are looking forward to another Conference of inspiration and value for the leaders of our four Western Jurisdictions. Throughout the year, and again today, I have been asked if a Master Mason can attend our Sessions. May I again reiterate the door is always open; any Master Mason in good standing can come in and sit on the sides without vote or oral participation.

Appended to this report are the complete Agenda, and the list of Brethren in attendance.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE F. ELLIS,
Conference Secretary.

AGENDA

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

of the Officers

of the Western Grand Lodges, A.F. & A.M.

September 8th, 9th and 10th, 1955.

President: M.W. Bro. K. Warwick, P.G.M. of British Columbia

Vice-Pres.: M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert, G.M. of Alberta

Secretary: M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, P.G.M. of Alberta

All Conference Sessions to be held in the Cascade Masonic Hall, Banff, by courtesy of the Wor. Master and Members of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, G.R.A.

Thursday, September 8th, Evening Meeting, 8:15 p.m.

(Fraternal Hour and Special Address)

Invocation — M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis.

President's Opening Remarks.

Word of Welcome by the W.M. of Cascade Lodge, W. Bro. L. E. Stafford.

Special Speaker — M.W. Bro. G. Roy Long, P.G.M. of British Columbia. Subject: "A Bunch of Keys".

Special Ceremony — M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert, G.M. of Alberta will pay tribute to the W.M., Officers and Members of Cascade Lodge No. 5, for their many kindnesses in the past years tendered to our Conference.

If time permits, regular business, including Secretary's Report.

Friday, September 9th

Special drive and luncheon for the ladies, who will be guests of M.W. Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Heckbert. Bus leaves Mount Royal Hotel promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Morning Session — 9:15 a.m.

Invocation — M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis.

Report of the President — M.W. Bro. K. Warwick.

**WHAT EFFECT ON FREEMASONRY HAS THE RETENTION
OF SOME HISTORICAL CONCEPTION OF ITS ORIGIN
AND DEVELOPMENT?**

M.W. Bro. R. G. Large, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Forum Discussion to be led by R.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

DO THE ANCIENT CHARGES APPLY TO PRESENT DAY MASONS?

M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Luncheon Adjournment

Afternoon Session — 1:45 p.m.

Forum Discussion of Bro. Emmett's paper to be led by R.W. Bro. Sam Bannon, S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

THE SCOPE OF THE CABLE TOW

R.W. Bro. Ross Sheppard, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Forum Discussion to be led by R.W. Bro. Claude Green, S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Friday Evening — 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL BANQUET — MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL

Delegates and their ladies will be guests of the Grand Master of Alberta, M.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert.

Saturday, September 10th, 9:15 a.m.

WHO WILL FOLLOW IN OUR TRAIN

What does our present day Brethren expect from the Craft? What will our Brethren of the future expect?

R.W. Bro. R. C. Hodsman, D.G.M. of Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Forum Discussion to be led by R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, S.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Selection of Meeting Place for 1956.

Election of Officers.

New President's Remarks.

Closing Prayer — M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis.

NOTE:—At all Sessions of our Conference, dress will be informal as will the Banquet for our Brethren. The ladies may please themselves, so we will say dress optional for the ladies.

IMPORTANT: BRETHREN PLEASE NOTE:

Please clear through the Conference Secretary a copy of your paper some three or four weeks before the Conference, so that he may forward it to the Brother opening the discussion. Also file with Mrs. Elliot, the original copy, as soon as the paper has been delivered.

CONFERENCE OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

of the

FOUR WESTERN MASONIC JURISDICTIONS

Held at Banff, Alberta, September 8th, 9th and 10th, 1955

The Conference was attended by the following members:

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmet	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin	Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. David Rothstein	Senior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran	Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

M.W. Bro. Jas. H. Cuddington	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Reg. C. Hoddsman	Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate	Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Alberta

M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Sam Bannan	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. D.D. McQueen	Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis	Past Grand Master and Con. Secty.
M.W. Bro. W. Jackson	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Leroy Bond	Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of British Columbia

M.W. Bro. R. S. Large	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. D. A. Stewart	Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro. J. H. N. Morgan	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. C. A. Green	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. K. Reid	Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. K. P. Warwick	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Roy G. Long	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Murray Mitchell	Past Grand Master
R.W. Bro. H. F. P. Grafton	Past Grand Warden

Distinguished Visitors:

M.W. Bro. Harry A. Speich	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.
R.W. Bro. Paul W. Grossenbach	Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.
M.W. Bro. Willard L. Hillyer	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
R.W. Bro. O. L. Danek	Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
R.W. Bro. David Palmer	Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
M.W. Bro. Marle Kidder	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. C. Johnson	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana.
M.W. Bro. B. F. Gaither	Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

Distinguished Visitors at Fraternal Meeting:

W. Bro. Perry W. Downen	W.M. Cahuenga No. 513, Hollywood, Cal.
W. Bro. S. T. Burt	P.M. Maple Creek, Saskatchewan
Bro. John R. Sheane	M.M. Mountain View No. 16, Olds, Alberta
W. Bro. L. Stafford	W.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
Bro. R. W. Ralston	M.M. Calgary No. 23, Alberta
W. Bro. John Brown	P.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
W. Bro. O. E. Hunter	I.P.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
W. Bro. Sam E. Ward	P.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
W. Bro. J. M. Dignall	P.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
W. Bro. A. W. Chadwick	P.M. of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
W. Bro. L. J. Foster	P.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta

Bro. T. Brown	M.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
Bro. W. G. Robinson	M.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
Bro. L. C. Ward	M.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
Bro. D. G. MacKinnon	M.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
Bro. C. Low	M.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
Bro. G. F. Young	M.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta
Bro. Z. Morter	M.M. Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta

Moved by M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124), seconded by M.W. Bro. L. W. Bond (137) that the report of the 'Banff Conference' be taken as read and printed in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE - FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and

Members, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

On behalf of M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, Chairman of this Committee I beg to submit the following report:

This Committee met in session on various occasions and as you are all aware, our Fiftieth Anniversary was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Edmonton, Alta, on Friday, October 14th, 1955, with a banquet being held in the Macdonald Hotel in the evening.

Your Committee arranged for suitable programmes and guest speakers, our M. W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock, Q.C., Past Grand Master being the guest speaker at the session of Grand Lodge in the afternoon and M. W. Bro. William Douglas, Past Grand Master and presently Grand Historian of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba being the guest speaker at the banquet in the evening. Both of these distinguished brethren fulfilled our every hope and expectation and our sincere thanks are tendered to them for jobs well done.

We had distinguished visitors from far and wide and we were happy to welcome them on this occasion, these distinguished visitors have already been mentioned in the Anniversary Proceedings of Grand Lodge and in the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

422 members of Grand Lodge registered, also 107 Master Masons and 21 distinguished visitors and guests. It is estimated that 800 brethren attended the evening banquet. Many old friends were present whom we had not had the pleasure of meeting for many years. All details in connection with our Fiftieth Anniversary were afterwards promptly attended to and settled. This Fiftieth Anniversary will go down in the Annals of Freemasonry in Alberta as being one of the highlights in our Masonic History.

Fraternally submitted,

Sam Harris, Acting Chairman.
A. D. Cumming
H. B. Macdonald
R. S. Sheppard.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134) that the report of the Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary be received and adopted. Carried.

Grand Master: Brethren, it is now my pleasure to call on another of our Distinguished visitors, M.W. Bro. J. H. Cuddington, Grand Master of our Sister Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M.W. Bro. Cuddington.

M.W. Bro. Cuddington: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren. It is a pleasure indeed for me to attend your Communication and bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. As you know we shall be celebrating our Fiftieth Anniversary at our Communication next week, we shall look forward to a good delegation from Alberta. We are very young in the West and this was brought home to me recently when it was my privilege to visit the Grand Lodge of the State of New York at their One-Hundred and Seventy-Fifth Annual Communication. There were representatives from all over the world present and the guest speaker came from the United Grand Lodge of England, from whom New York originally received its Charter. It is an inspiration to visit such a Communication and it is also an inspiration for me to visit your Communication and to see what a successful year you have had. I wish you well in the future and thanks for your hospitality. (Applause.)

The Grand Master: Brethren, it is now 4:30 p.m. and we shall conclude our afternoon session. I trust that you will all attend the Banquet this evening in the Macdonald Hotel; we had a few words from R.W. Bro. Johnston this morning and I know you will be looking forward to hearing him this evening.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Evening Entertainment

The Grand Lodge Banquet was held in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, on Wednesday, June 13th, 1956, at 6:30 p.m. The Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen, presided. Grace was said by M.W. Bro. the Rev. Peter Dawson. Following the Loyal Toast and the singing of O Canada, dinner was served.

The musical entertainment was provided by a Choir under the direction of Bro. Peter Delicate (77), V.W. Grand Organist, with Bro. the Rev. Edgar J. Bailey (142) as soloist. The excellence of the numbers rendered by the nineteen members indicated the time and effort put forth in practice and each number presented was greatly enjoyed, bringing long, enthusiastic applause.

Following the welcoming remarks of R.W. Bro. McQueen, the members seated at the head table were introduced.

R.W. Bro. McQueen: I will now call on M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert to introduce our Guest Speaker.

M.W. Bro. Heckbert: R.W. Bro. Toastmaster, R.W. Bro. Johnston, Honoured Guests and Brethren. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I rise tonight to introduce the speaker of the evening whom I first heard speaking in Toronto a few months ago on the occasion of the All Canada Conference, when he addressed the Banquet of the Grand Masters. I can assure you that he appealed to us as being a speaker worthy of having in the Province of Alberta at a Grand Lodge Communication.

I talked to him just before dinner and said, "I would like to know something of your history so that I can tell the members of my Grand Lodge about you before you start speaking." "Well," he said, "actually there isn't very much that I can tell you." He said, "I'm Irish to begin with," and I thought after all, it may be a little of a black mark, as they are a lot of queer people, the Irish. Then he proceeded to say he had nothing to tell and then reamed off yards of it. Just confirming my opinion, that here is another Irishman, for sure.

You no doubt have all heard about the story of the Irish School Board. They had a meeting one night, and they passed three resolutions. The

first resolution was that they build a new school and the next one was that they use the material of the old school to build the new school, and the third resolution, as you probably already have suspected, was that they occupy the old school while the new school was being built.

R.W. Brother Johnston tells me that he came from Ireland to Canada in 1911 and for some unknown reason probably unknown even to himself, he spent seven years in the Province of Saskatchewan. Then he entered McGill University and spent eleven years as a pastor in the City of Montreal and has spent the last twenty-five years as Pastor of Eglinton United Church, in the City of Toronto. He is a Past Master of a Blue Lodge in the City of Toronto, Past First Principal of St. Patrick's Chapter and a member of the Perceptory, member of the Scottish Rite, a member of the Shrine and sometime or other in his career, he slipped because he said he was Governor of Kiwanis.

When he addressed the Grand Masters Banquet in the City of Toronto, he told a very interesting tale of a trip made through Washington one time to address a congregation of Presbyterians in that city. And I can say to him that that story is pretty well known in the Province of Alberta because in the last twelve months I haven't found anything else to talk about and I have told that story North, South, East and West. He did tell one story however, and I presume being a member of the cloth that it must be perfectly true and I think it took place on his visit to Washington when he was speaking to a Presbyterian Congregation in that City. He said he went out with three friends for a game of golf one morning and after they had played a few holes they came to a tee beside a highway. Just as they arrived at the tee and one chap started to tee off, a funeral started to pass on the highway and the chap who had started to tee off got on his knees and bowed his head and waited a few moments until the cortege passed by and he said, "You know I was much impressed by this," and when the funeral procession had finally passed by, he said, "I said to this chap, 'that was a lovely thing to do'." He said the chap wiped a tear away from his eye and said, well, after all, tomorrow would have been our twelfth wedding anniversary.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure tonight to introduce our Guest Speaker — I mentioned to R.W. Bro. Rivers and to some of the Past Grand Masters last winter, in Toronto, I want Dr. Johnston at our next Grand Lodge Communication. They said, "well, you might want him but you will have to do a lot of getting by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, in the person of M.W. Bro. Art Cumming before you get him out there." Well, I said, "The Grand Master has some prerogatives and if he doesn't make use of them before tomorrow noon, his chances are going to be very slim." And I am sure that, at least I hope for Dr. Johnston's sake, that when this address is over tonight, M.W. Bro. Cumming will O.K. the cheque. If he doesn't, we will just have to have a little whip around among the boys and I am sure you will not be too stingy after you have heard my good friend Dr. Johnston, and I have much pleasure in inviting him to speak to you tonight.

R.W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Johnston: Mr. Chairman, M.W. Grand Master, My Introducer, Distinguished Masons and Honoured Guests. It certainly is a wonderful pleasure to be here and I hope that that cheque is signed tomorrow also. Well, when he was introducing me, I was thinking of something that happened to me not so very long ago. He mentioned the fact that I had been in Kiwanis, and that is true. My wife and I were spending a month out in Laguna Beach, California, and one night I took my brother-in-law down as my guest to the Kiwanis and we had a very nice meeting and they made this announcement: "They said, now fellow

Kiwanians, next Monday night is going to be a very special night. We are going to have a wonderful speaker here. We are going to have the strongest man in the world speak to you next Monday night. He can take a thick telephone book and tear it in two with his two hands like that. He can take a crow bar and bend it as you would a twig. Now, he said, I want you to be out next Monday night and bring your sons with you because I think it will be an education for your sons." So when the meeting was over, I said to my brother-in-law, how would you like to be my guest again next Monday night? He said, I'd love to — and I said, very good.

Next Monday night came, and I said to my brother-in-law Isaac, we had better get down in good time or we will never get a seat in the hotel. So — we got down in good time. The place was jammed; they had to send out to get extra waiters, and finally my brother-in-law and I got in a corner away over yonder and sat down and started to eat. I was practically through my meat course when someone put his arms around my neck and I looked up. It was the Secretary of the Kiwanis. He said, "You are Dr. Johnston?" and I said, "Yes". He said, "You don't know it, but you are the speaker tonight." I said, "What do you mean I am the speaker tonight?" He said, "The strong man isn't coming." Well, what he said affected me so much, that I had to go to the toilet. (Laughter). I eventually came back, and I was introduced. You never heard such an introduction in your life. It was worse than the one I got tonight. (Laughter). This fellow looks over the large crowd and he said, "I have a great disappointment to give you. Our speaker, the strong man, isn't coming. Nobody's to blame and I feel worse than anybody else here; we had looked forward to this meeting, to hear from this wonderful man, and you brought your children." They all put their heads down on the table. You never saw such disappointment. But he said, "I am going to give you now, Rev. Johnston," and he sat down.

Now, I got up and looked right at them, and they didn't look at me. They didn't want to look at me; they turned their backs on me. "Now," I said, I'm not to blame — I feel worse than you do. If you feel bad you ought to see my feelings." I went on and chatted with them just as I am chatting now, just went on chatting with them and a little thought came to me when I went into the toilet. It is amazing what thoughts you get there. (Laughter). The subject was, why not talk to them tonight about the biggest thing in the world, namely Life. That is what I talked to them about, Life! And something happened, that very rarely happened in my life, in all my experiences. After I had been going on for about fifteen minutes they slowly started turning around, and to look at me. Then they started lifting up their faces and looked at me and by and by they were sitting actually listening and when I finished they jumped up on their feet and took the napkins off the tables and swung them in the air and cheered. I never got such a thrill in all my life. But the introduction I got, oh dear! Well, thank you for the good introduction you gave me tonight. You told it just as well as I told you.

Now, I was in the Grand Lodge this morning and I was very much interested in looking over the situation, looking at the wonderful regalia, the golden regalia that was being worn by the Grand Officers and the visitors and so on and I thought of a yarn that I heard the other day.

It is about a Roman Catholic Priest. He was sent to a new community where a lot of people had come in to live and he was sent out there, I suppose by the Catholic Authorities to appraise the situation and to see if he couldn't start a Roman Catholic Church and do some missionary work there. So he came into this community and he didn't know anybody, and he asked someone if there were any other clergymen in that

community and they said yes, there was a Methodist Minister. He then asked where he was, so he was directed and went over and knocked on the door and the Methodist Minister came out and he asked him if he was the clergyman and he said yes. He said, well, I am a Roman Catholic Priest. Well, said the Methodist Minister, let me look at you, that is something. I have never spoken to a Roman Catholic Priest in all my life, in fact, he said, I have hardly ever seen a Roman Catholic, and they went in and sat down. This is wonderful for me, meeting a Roman Catholic Priest and having never met a Roman Catholic Priest and never seen one in all my life, and just to think that you are here. You must be mistaken, the Priest said, you must be mistaken. You have seen a Roman Catholic before — you see that picture on the wall — Yes . . . “Well,” he says, “that is our Pope.” “YOUR POPE,” said the Methodist Minister, “why”, he said, “when I bought that, I was told that was Ex-President Harry Truman, dressed up in his Grand Lodge Regalia.” (Laughter.) That is one for the Americans.

Now my subject tonight is actually, I want to share some things with you. I want to share some of my own thoughts about Masonry.

Here you are representing the Masonic Lodges of the Province of Alberta and some of the United States of America. I want to share some of my thoughts about Masonry with you. I want to share some of my personal Philosophy with you. I want to share some of my experiences with you, and I hope that out of what I have to say you will gather some things to take back to your own local lodges. Something to talk about, something that may give you a little uplift, an inspiration while we are gathered here during these next few minutes.

So my subject is, “MASONRY IN ACTION”. And I am going to specially base my remarks on what I would call the “Three Great Masonic Jewels”. Now I was asking some Masons tonight, what are the Three Great Masonic Jewels? Well, some of you would say, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and some of you would say, no, those are not exactly the Three Great Masonic Jewels. Wisdom, Strength and Beauty are the Three Jewels representing King Solomon in the East, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abif, and so on; you say those are the Three Masonic Jewels. Well now, I am going to differ with those of you that said those are the Three Masonic Jewels. I am going to take my Three Masonic Jewels from a definition of Masonry. What is Masonry? Well, you know in a very simple language what our Ritual tells us about what is Masonry. Masonry is a beautiful system of Morality, veiled in Allegory and illustrated by Symbols. Now I want you to catch the three great jewels there. I am going to elaborate upon them and give you illustrations of what I think are the Three Great Jewels in Masonry.

The first Jewel that we Masons wear is a Jewel of Morality. A beautiful system of Morality. The first jewel we wear is Morality. We Masons recognize every last man here, every last Mason everywhere, recognizes that one of the universal laws of life is the Moral Law. Keep it and you are saved, keep it and you are happy. Break the Moral Law and you are unhappy; destruction, disintegration sets in when you break the Moral Law. You and I have noted in the world about us there are all sorts of tensions, people’s nerves are jumpy, jittery and neurotic and these things develop within the personalities — all sorts of fears, worries and anxieties. No man ought to be afraid. I remember some years ago reading a wonderful book. The Testament of Youth — by Vera Britton. And in this Testament of Youth she gives a bit of philosophy that an old French uncle had sent to her and this was a bit of French Philosophy that had come to her and that she had put in her book. She said, if you

are a soldier you are one of two things. You are either at the front or you are not at the front. If you are not at the front, you need not worry, and if you are at the front you are one of two things, you will be in the front line or you will not be in the front line. If you are not in the front line you needn't worry and if you are in the front line one of two things will happen. You will either be wounded or you will not be wounded. If you are not wounded you needn't worry. If you are wounded one of two things will happen. You will either be dangerously wounded or slightly wounded. If you are slightly wounded you needn't worry and if you are dangerously wounded one of two things will happen. You will either die or get better. If you get better you needn't worry and if you die, you can't worry, so why worry at all! (Laughter). Now, isn't it true that so many of us go about life worrying, worrying, worrying so much, that we are afraid of so many things. Afraid of our jobs, afraid of our security, afraid that our health may fail, afraid of the future, afraid of death. Why are we afraid of so many things? But I want to tell you a lot of these fears that are within us would disappear if we kept the Moral Law. That is the first jewel we as Masons have to wear. You and I know that there has been quite a breakdown in the Moral Law — where do the wars come from, where do the depressions come from, where do the brutalities come from? You know, from the breaking of the Moral Law. College Athletes have been the pawn of professional gamblers. The Kefauver Investigating Committee showed that gambling, vice, graft, honeycombed the Government of the United States of America. In the Kinsey Report that was given not so many years ago — Kinsey said that — he pointed out the state of sex morality in the United States of America — everything that has been nailed down they said is coming loose. Why? Because they were not wearing that jewel that we Masons are supposed to wear, namely the "Jewel of Morality".

Perhaps you have heard about that wonderful Norwegian parable. A Spider came down from the high rafters on a single strand and wove its web and after it has woven its web, it started up again and it looked at the single strand and meditated upon it — and said, what is the use of it, what is it doing here, he then uncovered it and everything collapsed. You see, that is what happens when we break the thing that lifts us to great standards of living, everything collapses. So we Masons know that the Divine Architect of the Universe has moral standards for us in the family, in our business, in sport, in our social circles, in our religious life, that is it.

But when you look into Morality, what is the centre and soul of Morality. I will tell you; I think it is Love and Friendship. And that is where we Masons have got our big chance. I don't think there was ever an opportunity like the present opportunity in this world of ours, of doing something in the field of friendship, and so that brings me to give you an illustration about my own personal experience.

One night I was lying in bed beside my wife, and after awhile I gave her a poke in the ribs with my elbow and she woke up. She said, "What is the matter?" I said, "I was dreaming." You just tell your wife you are dreaming and she will waken immediately. (Laughter). She said, "What are you dreaming about?" I said, "Well, listen. I was just having a dream with my eyes open and I am going to give you next summer, the most wonderful trip you have ever had in all your life." She said, "What do you mean?" I replied, "I am going to take you over to England, Ireland, Scotland, Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, across the Adriatic to the Holy Land, and take you to see all those lovely places in the Holy Land." . . . She said, "You are crazy, go to sleep." (Laughter). Well you know, my dear friends, it was a dream

but any dream you ever had would never be put in your mind if it were not possible for the reality. So the very next morning I went over to the bank and I asked if I could see the Manager, Mr. Gibson. He said "yes," he was alone in his office and I went in and I looked at him. If you want to borrow money from a bank manager, look at him for two minutes before you say a word. (Laughter). And I just looked at him for a couple of minutes and I don't know if I hypnotized him or not. He said, "How are you Pastor?" I said, "I'm well." He said, "I'm glad to hear it." — "You might not be glad to hear it after awhile," I said. He said, "What do you want?" — "I want to borrow some money." He said, "What do you want to borrow money for?" . . . I told him what I wanted to do with it . . . and he looked at me for two minutes. (Laughter). He said, "You haven't any collateral." And I said, "No, I haven't." — but he says, "There is one thing about you, I believe in you . . . you've got character and we people in the bank lend money on character even though the man hasn't got collateral." He said "I BELIEVE IN YOU". "How much do you want?" and — I told him and he put it to my account. I arranged my trip, and I had my trip on the money he gave me. I relate my experiences out of my trip because I think they're simply illustrative of what I am trying to say, what is at the heart of Morality — merely friendship.

For example: My wife and I got on the train in Paris and we were going away through to Italy, and we were travelling in a second class carriage when an old lady and her grandchild came into the carriage and a Yugoslavian came in. They all had their lunches and they put them away under the chairs, under the seats, and I put mine there too. When the noon hour came, we couldn't talk each other's language but I made a few gestures you know, friendly gestures from the heart — let us bring out our lunches and eat together. We understood, and they all brought their lunches out and here we all had a lovely time together and this Yugoslavian could talk a little bit, in English, — and when we were sailing through the Alps, he came to me and said, "Where are you going?" I said, "I am going over the Mediterranean, to the Holy Land." He asked, "Jerusalem?" I said, "Yes, Jerusalem." He said, "Go to King David's Hotel." He said, "You ought to be a Mason." I said, yes, I am. He put his hand away in his breast and underneath his vest he brought out his Masonic sign. I had a razor that a friend of mine had given me with a Masonic Symbol on it. So I brought down my grip and showed him my razor. Well, that old chap stood up there in the middle of that zig-zagging train going through the Alps and gave me the right hand of fellowship and put his breast to my breast and so on, right there we understood one another. The Friendship that is in Masonry!

Then we went over to the Holy Land and I was travelling down from Nazareth to Galilee in a bus, for eleven hours. I bought a fez, because somebody told me if you had a fez you would have a lot of friends. So I bought a fez and I was riding down on this bus with these Arabs who nearly all had fezes on. Some boy was standing in the centre of the aisle and his father was nearby and a fellow said something to him in Arabic, which I didn't understand, and the boy said to me in perfect English, "Where are you from?" And I said, "Canada." He said, "America," and I said "yes, America, but Canada." He spoke back to his father in Arabic and his father asked him to say, "Are you a Mason?" I said, "Yes, I am a Blue Mason and a Red Mason." He whispered back to his father in Arabic and said I was a Blue Mason and a Red Mason. The old man pushed his son back and right there on this bus riding down from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee this old man held my hand. He whispered something in my ear, in Arabic that I didn't understand, and I whispered something in his ear in English, which he didn't under-

stand, but we were Masons and we knew what we said to one another. The Friendship of Masonry!

Then I came back to London, and one Sunday morning, I said to my wife, "Do you know, I want to go to the Methodist Mission this morning, the one that Hugh Price-Hughes used to be the minister of." I was walking down the street and I met an English gentleman with a walking stick in his hand and I asked him where this Mission was. He asked had he met me before, and I said "No, but I saw something on your watch chain there." He said, "Are you one of us?" — and I said, "Yes, try me and prove me!" And he shook my hand and he said, "I'll go with you," and he turned straight around from his stately English Church and walked with my wife and myself down the streets of London and went to the Methodist Mission. I don't think he felt at home there but he sat with me anyway and afterwards he invited us out to dinner. Why? Because we talked and we understood the same thing and we had the same thing. I want to tell you the soul of Morality is Friendship and we Masons have a wonderful opportunity to spread the feeling of Friendship and Good-Will every place in this world. That is the first Jewel we have to wear. The Jewel of Morality — Friendship.

Let me say a brief word about the second Jewel. First Masonry is a beautiful system of Morality and secondly — veiled in Allegory. What does that say to you? Well, it says the next Jewel we wear and are proud to wear is the Jewel of Secrecy. Veiled, something veiled in Masonry. We wear the Jewel of Secrecy. You know you must be a loyal man and a steadfast man and a strong man to keep a secret. The weak and the restless and the vacillating person cannot keep a secret. It is a wonderful thing to be able to keep a secret. We Masons wear this Jewel of Secrecy. Now there is very much opposition to Masons on this account. You know the Roman Catholic Church, for example, doesn't approve of Masonry because a Mason, for example, can't go into the Confessional and expose all his knowledge and all his feelings and everything to anybody else, that is not a Mason. You see the Roman Catholic Church is ecclesiastical or spiritual dictatorship and they don't believe in you having any secrets from them. Certain Fundamentalist Churches that you and I could mention, are opposed to secret societies, — very much opposed to secret societies, and I have found that some of these strongly fundamentalist sects have some kind of a dictatorial feeling even in their hearts and they don't believe in secret organizations. State Dictatorships don't believe in secret societies. For example, when Mussolini came to power and when Hitler came to power they said, "We must drive out Masons from our country." They didn't believe in it. They didn't believe in men wearing this jewel of Secrecy. They tried to put out the light of Masonry, they tried to destroy that freedom in which you and I believe, but you know you can't put out the light of Masonry. The light has been lit and all the powers of darkness in this world can never extinguish the light of Masonry. You just simple can't do it. Freedom is something that is begotten in the deepest spirit and it can't be destroyed and we believe in it.

You know, Christianity in the early days was a gathering of a Secret Society. I have been in Rome; I have travelled through the Catacombs in Rome, and I have seen the sign of the early Christians on the walls. What was the sign of the early Christians on the walls in the catacombs? — FISH — A Fish. That's all! How do you spell fish in Greek? "ICHTUS" — Ich - thus — Ich-thus —. "I" stands for Jesus. "CH" stands for Christ. "TH" stands for Thois (God), "U" stands for Uios (Son), "S" stands for Sother — SALVATION. In that "Fish" you have all the theology of the early primitive Christian Church. Jesus Christ, son

of God, Our Saviour. And that secret sign of the fish or making it in the dust with a stick when they met an Arab Friend, well, they were look upon as a secret society. Now, to give you another illustration:

You men believe in the Bible, and you have read about the building of King Solomon's Temple and you have often wondered, why is it that no noise was ever heard? No noise of a trowel, no noise of a hammer, and no noise of any kind was ever heard while they were building that wonderful temple of King Solomon. I discovered something when I was over in Jerusalem. I went into the King Solomon's quarries and I found that the walls were soft. You could cut them right out in blocks and when they were carried out of the quarries and exposed to the elements, wind and so on, they hardened like marble. They didn't need to be hammered. They all fitted into place perfectly and there was no noise made, done in secret. It is a very interesting thing and so we Masons—well—we can't get away from this thing, at all. What's life? Life is a mystery. What's suffering? Suffering is a mystery. Nobody knows what's in the future. It's a Mystery. Death is a great mystery to us all. Mystery. Then we come to our own Masonic ideas.

Here we are; we have certain signs, grips, words, tokens that are only known by ourselves. We give them to those who know the secret. When we meet one another in that sense, by those things by which we know one another well, we know why we wear the secret jewel or the Jewel of Secrecy.

Let me come to the last point, Masonic Manifestations. Beautiful system of Morality veiled in Allegory, illustrated by Symbols. Masonic Manifestations. Of course the first great manifestation is that idea of Freedom.

A business friend of mine who is personnel manager in a very large industry in Toronto told me the other day a very interesting thing. He said he was walking through his plant not so very long ago and he stopped to talk to one of the workmen—a labourer—who had about six months before, come out from behind the Iron Curtain. So he stopped with him. "Well, my friend," he said, "how are you?" And in broken language he said, "very well." He said "How do you like Canada?" "Why shouldn't I like Canada." One in every four has a motor car. In our country one in every two hundred and three has a motor car. One in every five here has a telephone. One in every hundred and two has got a telephone. Why shouldn't I like Canada. My son may become a Mike Pearson, and my daughter might become a television star. "Here," he said, "you might have something." I wonder if we realize what we have. The wonderful liberty we have, in this country where we believe in the democratic way of life. Well, we are not operative individuals but speculative; we do not publish from the house top what we do with our benevolence or our generosity at all, the service of what we do, we look upon it as a service of good. We don't talk very much about it. And yet you know, Masons do very impressive things. It is amazing the impressive things that Masons do. Now just listen. This is very interesting. I was in Sheffield, England, and I went to the Semi-Cathedral there, and the old beadle came along and he said, "Would you like to see through the Cathedral?" and I said, "Yes, I would." He said, "I will start down by the Baptismal Font by the door." He took me down and showed me the Baptismal Font and I never saw a Baptismal Font like it in all my life. It was the most beautiful Baptismal Font I had ever seen. He said, "do you know about the Masonic District here in Sheffield?" They presented this Baptismal Font to us when we were made into a Semi-Cathedral."

I went over to my native town in Ireland, Portadown, County Armagh. One night I was out to tea with a friend. He said, "You haven't been in our Parish Church since the war, have you?" I said, "No, I haven't." "Well, I will take you over," he said, "we have one of the most wonderful towers in our Church and one of the most wonderful carillon sets that anybody has ever heard." He took me over, he took me up the winding staircase to the tower, showed me the tower, and he said, "See that bell, the one there, the Salvation Army gave that. See that one, the Orangemen gave that, see that one the Methodist Church gave that, the Presbyterian Church gave that, and so on." Then he said, "the greatest one of all, in that tower, was given by the Masons of Portadown." He said, "They didn't say much about it, they just gave it."

I came back to Toronto and I was not back two days from my journey across to the Old Country when my door bell rang. Old Barney, an old friend of mine, said, "Could I see you for a few moments?" I said, "Yes." So he came in. He said, "A week from Saturday we are having two lodges from the City of Detroit come to visit us here, are you free in the afternoon?" I looked at my book, and said, "Yes, I am free." He said, "I am so glad, because there are two things I want you to do. First of all I want you to speak at the banquet at night and secondly, he said, "I want you to dedicate four cots that we are giving in perpetuity to the Children's Hospital in the City of Toronto." I could hardly get over it . . . the lodges came from Detroit. I went down to the Children's Hospital; I dedicated those four cots and there they are dedicated to perpetuity and children come there, year after year, year after year until time shall be no more and they will be looked after and the Masons made this possible for them. I think it is wonderful.

The last little incident I want to give you in my experience in Masonry is this:

One night I was sitting in my Lodge in Montreal; Isaac Henry Sterns Lodge, and the Master got up and said to me, "we would like it very much if you would go down to the General Hospital and call on one of our very distinguished Masons, a Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia. He was a Minister of the Government down there and was very, very ill in the hospital and we thought someone should go in and call on him." I said alright. Now, I'm not too enthusiastic about calling on great people, I guess I have just got an inferiority complex, so I waited for a few days. On Wednesday, I picked up enough courage to go down to call on this great man from Nova Scotia. I got on the street car and as I went down the crowds got bigger and bigger and I asked the conductor, "What is the matter?" "Oh," he said, "didn't you know, Governor General Byng is visiting Montreal today." Oh, I said, "I would like to see him, but I have got to do a duty." So I went up to the hospital, knocked on the door, and the nurse came and looked at me, and I said, "Could I see the patient?" "Oh," she said, "no, nobody sees him." I said, "Doesn't the doctor see him?" and she said "yes". Well, I said, "Don't you think I might do him as much good as the doctor?" "Well," she said, "what do you mean?" "Well," I said, "for example, if I went in with a little bit of happy philosophy and got his mind turned to something better and higher, don't you think I might help him in spirit?" Well, she said, "I never thought of it; I will give you five minutes." So I went in, and I told him a yarn and he laughed. He said, "help me up a little" I helped him up a little, then he told me one, I laughed. Before long he was sitting up there and talking to me when a knock came at the door. "There is that nurse," he said. "She watches me just like a plant," and he said, "Come in." The door opened and in came a gentleman. He came right around and the patient looked and shook hands with him and he

said, "Brother Johnston, permit me to introduce you to the Governor-General of Canada. Governor General Byng." Well of course, I reached my hand across the bed and shook hands with him and visited for another half hour. Then he said, "I must be off." I said, "Pardon us for a moment, would you like to stay while we say a little prayer." He said, "very good," and he got down on his knees. I wasn't in the habit of getting down on my knees but I wasn't going to let him beat me, so I got down on my knees too. I offered a little prayer, and when I came to the end in a good old Anglican fashion, he said "Amen". We got up and shook hands with the patient and I took his arm and we walked out. The streets were lined with people waiting for the Governor General of Canada and when they saw me, of course, they thought I was the man. (Laughter). Anyway, it was a wonderful experience. No you see, Masonry has three wonderful jewels to wear, the Jewel of Morality, the Jewel of Secrecy and this last and wonderful Jewel that I have spoken about, the Jewel of Action — the Jewel of Service. If we can serve in this world and help men to see that keeping of the Golden Rule — DOING UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO YOU is the big thing in life, I tell you we will exalt Masonry until it becomes a wonderful temple for the souls of men. (Prolonged applause).

R.W. Bro. McQueen: I am sure that you all have been inspired by Dr. Johnston's address and we do appreciate his coming to this Grand Lodge to address us. I would like to call on M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill to express our thanks.

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill: R.W. Bro. Toastmaster, R.W. Bro. Dr. Johnston and Brethren. I find myself in somewhat of a quandry tonight; I have not been with you for four years, nevertheless I have met many old friends and made many new ones. As it was mentioned here today, I am now the Dean of the Past Grand Masters of this fair Province. Well, I am thinking of that little couplet that goes, "Time, oh Time pass on, time in thy flight make me a young Mason again, just for tonight."

I remember so well that thirty-six years ago, I suppose in this same week, I became your Grand Master and I loved it. But I find myself here tonight, after the wonderful introduction of our Grand Master, after the response of our Guest Speaker; how can I try to break down or elaborate on the points he touched. It would be like the artist trying to paint the lily; that I simply cannot do. I am glad however, R.W. Bro. Johnston, that you come from a great Province, holding the Capitol of our great Dominion; it is even the Province where I myself was born. I would guess that sixty or seventy percent, possibly, of those here tonight come from the great Province of Ontario. With all its culture, all of its head offices and with all that goes to make it a great Province, I just want to say that I am sorry to inform you that you are rather too far away to ever amount to much when we have what we have here in Alberta. (Laughter).

However, joking aside, I feel that I have a mandate from the Brethren here, Sir, to extend to you their very kindest greetings and thanks. You gave them thought, you gave them culture, you gave them humour, you you gave them all that and it was beautifully delivered . . . and I thank you on behalf of these members here tonight.

R.W. Bro. McQueen: I would like to thank Bro. Delicate and Bro. the Rev. Edgar Bailey as well as each member of the Choir for their fine musical entertainment tonight. The two solo numbers by Bro. Bailey — The Cobbler's Song from Chu Chin Chow and Friend of Mine — were particularly beautiful.

Brethren, I would now like to call on M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley to propose a toast to our Visitors.

M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley: R.W. Bro. Toastmaster and Brethren all. Dr. Johnston, you spoke of the Jewels of Masonry and Bro. the Rev. Edgar Bailey has just sung one of the songs which is uppermost in Masonic hearts in Alberta. Friendship is one of the brightest jewels in Alberta. It has long been an outstanding quality of the Masonic fraternity that we do extend a helping hand, not only to the Masonic fraternity but to all within the borders of Alberta. That is why tonight we especially welcome our guests from different parts of our own country and that of the United States. We are always glad to have you as visitors and are especially glad at this particular time of celebrating our annual Communication. You bring to us fresh views, fresh viewpoints and messages from older jurisdictions, because we are fairly young. We have experienced a wonderful year under the able leadership of our Grand Master. I hope that you will enjoy your stay with us and that you will come back. Brethren, I ask you to rise and drink a toast to our Visitors.

R.W. Bro. McQueen: Brethren, this toast will be replied to by two of our visitors, one from the United States jurisdictions and one from the Canadian jurisdictions. First I will call on M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. Irwin: Bro. Toastmaster, Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Distinguished Guests and Friends: - It is indeed an honour for me to have the opportunity of replying to this Toast on behalf of the Canadian Jurisdictions. Alberta has always been a friendly spot to dwell. You are friendly, you have the spirit of friendship in you, you are imbued with the spirit of friendship and when you have that spirit in you, it oozes from you. When I look back on my visit to this fifty-first communication of your Grand Lodge in years to come, I shall just hope that I will be able to visit you again. I had a great deal of pleasure in travelling from Calgary with M.W. Bro. Ireland and I was astounded at the amount of information that he was able to give me of the way in which you run the affairs of your Grand Lodge. We are pleased indeed to visit you from sister Jurisdictions of Canada and we shall hope that we have the privilege of returning in the future. I in particular represent your mother Grand Lodge; we shall always take an interest in your welfare and trust that we may progress side by side in the years to come. You have already outstripped your parent, your membership is larger than ours; we trust that you may continue to grow and to keep pace with this wonderful Province of yours. You have had a most wonderful year under M.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert. We are glad to be with you and thank you for your hospitality and give you our best wishes for the future. (Applause).

R.W. Bro. McQueen: Thank you, M.W. Bro. Irwin. I will now call on R.W. Bro. McCormick, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

R.W. Bro. McCormick: Brother Toastmaster, M.W. Bro. Heckbert, Dr. Johnston and Brethren. Thank you very much for your toast to the Brethren on the United States side of the border; now I should sit down, but I am going to crave your indulgence for a moment. I am one of those boys who worries and fumes about making a speech and when I was told this afternoon that I was to reply to this toast tonight, I immediately got butterflies in my stomach. As a cure for that I went upstairs and took a couple of aspirins and now the butterflies are playing ping-pong with the aspirins. We have a problem of segregation in the United States and I want to object to segregation here. We have got

M.W. Bro. Irwin replying for Canada and calling on me to reply for the United States, that's segregation and I'm against it. (Laughter). However, Brethren, I feel honoured to speak for the United States; our two countries are travelling side by side, shoulder to shoulder, and there is no reason why they shouldn't. We all come from the same stock .

Now the United States is an off-spring of England. We were quite bad little boys, and we ran away from home. I was told last week in Winnipeg that somebody had been objecting to the price of tea in Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Anyway we got away from home and never came back, but the two countries are still travelling in the same direction. I come up here and I see a good many American cars on the streets and if you were to come down to my farm, about ninety miles south of the border, you would see Canadian made farm machinery. I might also say that I got a few hundred bushels of your precious Selkirk wheat — and legally at that. Seriously, Brethren, I want you to take a little trip with me and I want you to visit the International Peace Gardens located on the boundaries of Manitoba and North Dakota. There is a little patch that is too small for a farm and too big for a garden patch. That Peace Garden is dedicated for as long as our two nations shall survive and that neither of us will bear arms against one another. Brethren, I want you to be there with me in that beautiful park, with the beautiful buildings, flowers and trees. On the Canadian side of the border flies the Canadian flag. On the American side of the border flies the American flag. They are not too far apart. Brethren, the wind is blowing, both of these flags fly in the same direction. Brethren, we should always remember that and as long as we do we will be travelling in the same direction. Brethren, I thank you. (Applause).

R.W. Bro. McQueen: Thank you, Bro. McCormick. Brethren, I am now going to call on M.W. Bro. Howard Macdonald to propose a toast to the Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Howard Macdonald: Bro. Toastmaster, Distinguished Visitors and Brethren all; the toast I am about to propose is one I am sure will be heartily responded to by every Mason in the Province of Alberta. We have had great leadership in the past year from our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert. It fell to his lot during his term of office that we should celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary. I am sure that you will all agree with me that the leadership he gave to us on that occasion and the function itself was an outstanding event in the history of Alberta.

All down through the year our Grand Master has given us most outstanding leadership. He is closing his year by giving us one of the finest banquets we have ever had in Grand Lodge. We have been elevated and inspired by the great message delivered by Dr. Johnston. I am sure we appreciate our Grand Master's efforts in bringing him here to elevate us to higher planes and higher thoughts. All together it has been one of the most outstanding years in the Masonic history of Alberta. I am sure that we will, for all time to come, be under a debt of deep and lasting gratitude to our Grand Master for the time, energy and for the inspiring leadership he has given us during the past year. It is a great thing to be able to lead and to inspire others and our Grand Master is well qualified to render such service and therefore it is a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to say "thank you" to our Grand Master for the wonderful leadership he has given. Although tomorrow he takes his place with the rest of the Grand Masters as one who has served, we will always remember his leadership and inspiration and the great effort which he has put forth in behalf of Freemasonry. Therefore my

Brethren, I would ask you to rise and drink with me a toast to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, coupled with our deep thanks and appreciation for the splendid service which he has rendered to the cause of Freemasonry during his year in office. (Applause).

R.W. Bro. McQueen: M.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert. (Who was received with much applause).

M.W. Bro. Heckbert: R.W. Bro. Toastmaster, M.W. Bro. Macdonald, honoured guests and my Brethren. I can assure you on this occasion I am deeply grateful for the privilege and the honour that has come to me through my association with Freemasonry over something like thirty-six or thirty-seven years and more particularly the great privilege that has come to me during the last twelve months, in being able to serve as your Grand Master. I have no doubt, Brethren, that I have made a great many mistakes during the last twelve months but I think that you will agree that there is one thing I did that was not a mistake and that was in extending an invitation to our good brother from Ontario to come and address us on the occasion of our Fifty-first annual Communication banquet. (Applause).

I intimated to you previously that M.W. Bro. Cumming, who guards our coffers so carefully, might have some objection to loosening up the purse strings. Right now I don't care whether he loosens them up or not, because if he won't pay the bill I'll take the advice of Bro. Johnston to look the banker in the eye and if I can't get enough by looking him in the eye for two minutes, I'll look him in the eye for half a dozen if necessary. (Laughter).

My Brethren, as we bring this meeting to a close, I want to express to you my very sincere appreciation for all the kindness and courtesy that has come to me as Grand Master of the Masons of the Province of Alberta. As M.W. Bro. Macdonald has pointed out to you, it was my privilege to sit in the chair on the occasion of our Fiftieth Anniversary and I remember quite well, on the night of our banquet, standing before a great gathering of some eight hundred and fifty members, that in that gathering I could see graying heads, the heads of pioneers who started Freemasonry in the Province of Alberta half a century ago — men who had made their contribution and helped to build Freemasonry into what it is today. I remember saying then and I have no hesitation in repeating it now, that we should be thankful to Almighty God that in addition to the graying heads there were men and there are now, in our audience, young men to whom we must look for leadership in the future.

During the past year I have travelled the length and breadth of the Province, from Peace River in the North to the United States boundary. From Rocky Mountain House in the Foothills down to the borders of our sister jurisdiction of Saskatchewan. I have come to realize, more than ever before, the great opportunities that lie in wait for the younger members of the Masonic Order. There are great opportunities for leadership, not only in the local Lodge but in Grand Lodge.

Today you elected a comparatively young man to the post of Grand Junior Warden and I am sure that he will render you faithful, good and valuable service in the next few years. While we elected one man we left four or five who could not, of course, be elected under the circumstances. I sincerely trust and I am sure I am expressing the will of the members of this gathering and all Freemasons in the Province of Alberta, that simply because they did not succeed in their bid for office today, we want to retain their leadership, the leadership of which they are capable

and to which we look forward and I think that we have a right to look forward, in the days that lie ahead.

I want to say tonight in particular to these young men and after all it is on the young men we have to depend, that those of us who are about ready to lay down the gavel, look to you for leadership. That the opportunity for leadership is there, cannot be denied by anyone. I am sure that those of our visitors who are with us tonight, despite the fact that they have only been with us for a day, have come to know a little bit more about the great Province of Alberta and the role she must play in the welfare of the Dominion of Canada and our Commonwealth of Nations and of the place she must take with respect to our neighbours to the south and the other countries of the world.

If I could say one thing more, or do one thing more during the closing hours of my occupancy of the office of Grand Master of Masons in Alberta, it would be to encourage the young men of our fraternity to take advantage of the opportunity that is theirs. I am sure that as we separate tonight and go our separate ways, we know in our own hearts and minds that we will have ample opportunity in the future of considering not only the magnificent message left with us tonight by R.W. Bro. Johnston — but the inspiration of the music so beautifully rendered to us by our Choir, under the direction of our Grand Organist, Bro. Peter Delicate and by Bro. the Rev. Edgar J. Bailey, whom we so greatly regret losing to another Province in the next few weeks.

I am sure that if the young members of this fraternity will look about them and take advantage of the inspiration that is provided by this great gathering and that is conveyed to them by a true understanding of the philosophy of Freemasonry and they will see opportunity on every hand. If you will but listen you will hear your Province calling in these terms. The Province of Alberta is saying to the young men of the Province today:

Bring me men to match my mountains,
Bring me men to match my plains,
Men with Empires in their purpose
And new eras in their brains.
Bring me men to match my prairies
And to match my inland seas,
Men whose thoughts will pave our highways
Up to higher destinies.
Pioneers to clear our wasteland
And to cleanse old errors still.
Bring me men to match my mountains,
Bring me men.

My Brethren and especially my younger Brethren, your Province calls on you and your Dominion calls to you and if you will but listen you will hear a call that is clarion clear — a call that you must not fail to hear and which you must not fail to understand — a call that you must not fail to accept, if your beloved Order of Freemasonry is to make the impact upon the life of our community that it has every reason to expect to make. Your older Brethren, I can assure you, not only in the Province of Alberta, but throughout this Dominion of which we are so proud to be a part and in the great Republic to the south of us, are looking to the young men to take advantage of the opportunity and make the principles of Freemasonry have an impact upon our Community life, upon our Provincial life, and upon our National life that we have every reason to expect. I know that you know that if you live up to the great tenets of Freemasonry, so beautifully exemplified in the talk given to us by our

distinguished Brother from Ontario, that you dare not fail to accept the challenge given to you, and Freemasonry and the Community shall go along together in the next half century as they have so beautifully done in the last fifty years.

My Brethren, may I express to you once again, my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the honour that you have given to me in acting as your Grand Master. I can only say to you now, as I leave the rostrum and tomorrow take my way from the office of Grand Master and place the responsibility in the hands of a faithful and capable brother in the person of R.W. Bro. Ross Sheppard, I shall never cease to appreciate the privilege that has been mine and I say to you now, my Brethren, God be with you until we meet again — thank you very much. (long applause).

R.W. Bro. McQueen: Brethren, I am sure that you will agree with me that in our M.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert we have had a wonderful leader for the past year. I know that he will feel a great deal of satisfaction in laying down the reins of office tomorrow. I know we all feel that he has done a magnificent job. I would like, in my small way, to pay a tribute to him for the leadership that he has given, not only to the Grand Lodge itself, but to the individual Brethren. Personally I have received a great deal of inspiration from Carl's leadership this year. I knew, Brethren, when he was elected Junior Warden, some three or four years ago, that we were in for very fine leadership. Our M.W. Bro. Heckbert has demonstrated his qualities in other fields and I am sure that we all recognize what he has done for the Craft in this Province in 1955 and 1956. (Applause).

R.W. Bro. McQueen: Brethren, we will close our meeting with the Junior Warden's toast and the singing of "God Save the Queen".



SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge reconvened at 9 a.m. June 14th, 1956 and before Labour was resumed Prayer was offered by the acting Grand Chaplain M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson.

The Grand Master: Brethren, I am glad to welcome you again to our business sessions and as I know that you are anxious to hear the result of the election of the several offices I will call for the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception first.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the.,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 532 Members and 61 Master Masons registered present at this Fifty-First Annual Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 691 consisting of 87 W.Ms. with 152 votes, 45 S.W.s. with 53 votes, 39 J.Ws. with 44 votes, 361 Past Masters with 361 votes and 33 proxies with 81 votes.

One hundred and forty-two Chartered Lodges are represented, 17 Chartered Lodges are without representation. One Lodge Under Dispensation represented.

Details of representation are as follows:

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River	1	—	—	1	—	4
2.	Medicine Hat	1	1	—	2	—	5
3.	Alberta	1	—	—	—	—	3
4.	North Star	—	—	—	1	3	4
5.	Cascade	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
6.	Spitzie	1	—	—	—	—	3
7.	Edmonton	1	—	1	16	1	19
8.	Innisfail	1	1	1	3	—	6
9.	Perfection	1	—	—	4	—	7
10.	Eureka	1	1	1	4	—	7
11.	Acacia	1	1	1	13	—	16
12.	Red Deer	—	—	—	1	3	4
13.	Victoria	—	—	—	1	—	1
14.	Jasper	1	1	—	12	—	15
15.	Wetaskiwin	1	—	—	3	—	6
16.	Mountain View	—	—	—	1	—	1
17.	Nanton	—	1	—	1	—	4
18.	Britannia	—	1	—	1	—	4
19.	Cornerstone	—	—	—	1	3	4
20.	Carstairs	1	1	—	1	—	4
21.	King Hiram	1	—	—	1	—	2
22.	Corinthian	1	1	—	1	—	3
23.	Calgary	—	—	—	2	3	5
24.	Vermilion	1	1	1	5	—	8

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
25.	St. John's	1	1	1	9	—	12
26.	Sentinel	—	—	—	4	3	7
27.	Apollo	1	1	—	2	—	4
28.	Ashlar	—	—	1	2	1	5
29.	Kenilworth	1	—	1	4	—	4
30.	Summit	1	—	—	1	—	4
31.	Doric	1	—	—	1	—	2
32.	Cairo	—	—	—	1	3	4
33.	Stavely	—	—	1	2	—	3
34.	Star of the West	1	1	—	3	—	6
35.	Mizpah	1	—	—	4	—	7
36.	Gleichen	1	1	1	1	—	4
37.	Camrose	1	—	1	3	—	6
38.	Hope	1	1	1	10	—	13
39.	Lethbridge	1	—	—	1	—	2
40.	Joppa	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
41.	King Solomon	—	—	—	2	3	5
42.	Bowden	—	—	1	2	—	3
43.	Tuscan	1	—	—	4	—	5
44.	Buffalo Park	1	—	1	3	—	6
45.	Ionic	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
46.	Palestine	1	1	—	—	—	2
47.	Chinook	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
48.	Crossfield	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
49.	Robert Burns	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
50.	Comet	—	—	—	2	1	3
51.	Unity	1	1	1	18	—	21
53.	Strathmore	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
54.	Mount Lebanon	1	—	—	2	2	5
55.	Bassano	—	—	—	—	1	1
56.	Beaver	1	—	—	3	—	6
57.	Grassy Lake	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
58.	Chief Mountain	—	—	—	1	—	1
59.	King George	—	—	—	2	—	2
60.	Acme	—	—	—	1	3	4
61.	Provost	—	1	1	2	—	4
62.	Melrose	—	—	—	2	3	5
63.	Empire	—	—	—	8	1	9
64.	Bow Island	1	—	—	1	—	4
65.	Diamond City	1	—	—	—	—	3
66.	St. Andrew's	1	—	1	2	—	4
67.	Charity	—	—	—	1	—	1
68.	Edson	1	1	—	3	—	5
69.	Connaught	1	—	1	2	—	5
70.	Quarry	—	—	—	1	3	4
71.	Tawatinaw	—	1	1	1	1	4
72.	Coronation	1	—	—	1	—	2
73.	Brooks	1	—	—	1	—	4
74.	Vulcan	1	—	—	1	—	4
75.	Harmony	1	—	—	—	—	1
76.	Fidelity	1	—	—	2	—	5
77.	Strathcona	1	1	—	6	—	9
78.	Hanna	1	—	—	—	—	1
79.	Morning Star	—	—	—	1	—	1
80.	Excelsior	—	—	—	1	—	1
81.	Commercial	1	1	—	5	—	8
82.	Acadia	—	—	—	1	3	4

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
83.	Zetland	1	—	—	2	2	5
84.	Champion	—	1	—	2	—	3
86.	Rocky Mountain	1	—	—	1	—	4
87.	Crescent	1	—	1	7	—	10
88.	Wahpun	1	—	—	3	—	4
89.	Peace River	—	—	—	2	—	2
90.	Norwood	1	—	1	4	—	6
91.	Patricia	1	1	1	7	—	10
92.	Saskatchewan	1	1	1	9	—	12
93.	Symbol	1	—	—	2	—	3
94.	Lamont	—	—	—	2	3	5
95.	Kitchener	1	—	—	3	—	4
96.	Dynamic	1	1	1	2	—	5
97.	Albion	—	—	—	1	—	1
98.	Hand Hill	—	—	—	1	—	1
100.	Century	1	—	—	—	—	1
101.	West Edmonton	1	—	—	10	—	11
102.	Edgerton	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
103.	Foremost	1	—	—	—	—	3
104.	Oyen	—	—	—	3	3	6
105.	Graande Prairie	—	1	—	5	—	8
106.	Lake Saskatoon	1	—	—	3	—	6
107.	Carbon	—	—	—	1	3	4
111.	Nobleford	—	—	—	1	—	1
113.	Cyprus	1	1	1	2	—	5
114.	Westlock	1	1	—	—	—	3
115.	Crocus	1	—	—	1	—	4
116.	Spirit River	—	—	—	2	3	5
117.	Dominion	1	1	1	5	—	8
118.	St. Mark's	—	—	—	1	—	1
119.	York	1	1	—	—	—	3
120.	Consort	—	—	—	1	3	4
123.	Rockyford	1	1	—	—	—	3
124.	Concord	1	—	—	3	—	6
125.	Cavell	—	—	—	1	—	1
126.	Pembina	—	—	—	2	—	2
127.	Granite	1	—	—	1	—	4
128.	Forestburg	—	—	—	3	3	6
129.	Meridian	1	1	1	—	—	3
130.	Hussar	1	—	—	1	—	4
131.	Kitscoty	1	—	—	2	—	5
132.	Craigmyle	—	—	1	1	—	2
133.	Manyberries	—	—	—	—	—	N.R.
134.	Renfrew	—	—	—	4	3	7
135.	Alliance	1	—	—	1	—	4
136.	Cresset	1	1	—	2	—	5
137.	Irricana	—	—	—	3	3	6
138.	Onoway	—	—	1	1	—	2
140.	Big Valley	—	—	—	2	3	5
141.	Efficiency	—	—	1	3	—	6
142.	Ivanhoe	1	1	1	9	—	12
143.	Jasper Park	1	—	—	—	—	1
144.	Gratton	1	1	—	1	—	4
145.	St. Alban's	—	—	—	1	3	4
146.	Drumheller	1	1	1	2	—	5
147.	Northland	1	—	1	1	—	4
148.	Mayerthorpe	—	—	—	3	—	3

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
151.	Locheam	—	—	—	1	3	4
152.	Standard	—	—	1	1	—	4
153.	Whitecourt	—	—	—	—	—	—N.R.
154.	Waskatenau	—	1	—	—	—	3
156.	Hythe	1	—	1	2	—	5
157.	Sharon	—	—	—	—	—	—N.R.
158.	Berry Creek	—	—	—	—	—	—N.R.
159.	Lucerne	—	—	—	—	—	—N.R.
160.	Sexsmith	1	1	—	1	—	4
161.	Empress	1	1	—	—	—	2
162.	Yellowknife	—	—	—	—	—	—N.R.
163.	Ancient Landmark	—	—	—	—	—	—N.R.
164.	Gateway	1	1	1	3	—	6
165.	Canada	—	—	—	2	3	5
166.	Evergreen	1	1	—	3	1	6
167.	Temple	—	1	1	3	1	6
168.	Highlands	1	1	1	3	—	6
169.	St. George's	1	—	—	2	—	4
170.	Avon Glen	1	—	—	4	—	7
171.	Barrhead	1	1	1	—	—	3
172.	Milo	—	—	—	—	—	—N.R.
U.D.	Jubilee	1	—	—	1	—	2
		87	45	39	361	33	691

MOVED by V.W. Brother E. H. Mitchell (51), Seconded by M.W. Brother W. H. Jackson (8): That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted.—Carried.

The Grand Master: I will now call on M.W. Bro. William Ireland (9) to give the report of the Board of Scrutineers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Your scrutineers for the election of officers report as follows:

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. S. G. Bannan (86), Blairmore.
 Senior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen (74), Vulcan.
 Grand Treasurer R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling (9), Calgary.

The following were elected by a majority of the votes cast:

Junior Grand Warden V.W. Bro. D. Little (7), Edmonton.
 Grand Registrar W. Bro. E. G. Ellerton (167), Edmonton.
 Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan (165), Calgary.

Ballot for the Board of Benevolence was as follows:

V.W. Bro. S. P. Bird (59) Calgary
 R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan (165) Calgary
 V.W. Bro. G. W. Skene (9) Calgary

Ballot for the Board of General Purposes resulted as follows:

R.W. Bro. J. Booth (51) Edmonton
 R.W. Bro. K. A. Cameron (27) Stettler
 R.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin (25) Vegreville
 R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper (134) Calgary
 R.W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh (142) Edmonton
 V.W. Bro. A. B. King (11) Edmonton

R.W. Bro. J. L. Little (7) Edmonton
 V.W. Bro. C. M. Macleod (142) Edmonton

Moved by M.W. Bro. Ireland, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Booth (51), that the report of the Board of Scrutineers be received and adopted and that the election of those named therein be confirmed. Carried.

The Grand Master: Brethren, I declare those named in the report to be duly elected. Once again we must express our thanks to M.W. Bro. Ireland and his Committee for their labours. Many members of this Committee have served for quite a number of years and Grand Lodge is greatly indebted to M.W. Bro. Ireland for the annual performance of these duties, and to each member of the Committee. (Applause.)

The Grand Master: Brethren, I shall now call for nominations for the office of Grand Tyler. This is by open vote.

V.W. Bro. F. J. Pearce (137) was nominated by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88).

W. Bro. J. Davis (23) was nominated by W. Bro. W. L. Ashton (23).

On the vote being taken V.W. Bro. Pearce was declared elected.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

There were no matters referred to your Committee on Jurisprudence during the year, therefore there is nothing to report.

Fraternally submitted,
 PETER DAWSON, P.G.M.,
 Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
 M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Your Committee have read with much pleasure and ever increasing interest the report of your year as our Grand Master and we hasten to congratulate you on its detailed clarity.

To you has fallen the honour of being Grand Master to mark the half century mark of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. To say that you and your officers made full use of the occasion to make the meeting the most outstanding in our Masonic history, is an under statement. To your Committee, together with all who assisted, must go not only our congratulations, but our heartfelt thanks for such a magnificent job. Much planning was required, and nothing was left undone. To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, must go a large amount of the credit for your most able chairmanship which you carried through with dignity, despatch and good fellowship.

To M.W. Bro. Gilbert Blackstock and M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, your committee would like to join our Brethren in extending our thanks for their wonderful contributions to that historic occasion.

We are pleased to see that you and the Grand Secretary were able to attend all nineteen District meetings, as we know how much the presence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary means to the Brethren at the District Meetings.

That you were able to visit so many lodges on special nights to join your Brethren in celebrating birthdays of fifty or more years, was, we are sure, of great assistance to the Brethren of the many Lodges.

Your Committee note with pleasure that three new Lodges have been instituted, considerable number of charter members were unaffiliated members, while others were largely young members, and we agree with you there is room and need, for more Lodges.

We wish to join the Grand Master in his expression of regret at the passing of so many of our members, large numbers of whom have been active in their Lodge for the good of Masonry for a long time.

We concur in the Grand Master's recommendation that an honorary rank be conferred on the nineteen District Deputy Grand Masters who have just completed a year of useful and efficient service to this Grand Lodge, and to R.W. Bro. Charles E. Garnett, for his work with the Yellowknife Lodge.

We rejoice that our Grand Master was able to visit our Sister Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Canada in Ontario, as well as North Dakota. We can be sure Alberta was well represented.

That you were asked to present a paper to "The All Canada Conference" is, we feel, fitting to your ability and we look forward with much interest its appearance in our proceedings. The 1957 session in Winnipeg will have an able chairman, of that we are sure.

We concur in the Grand Master's remarks regarding the physical fitness.

Your committee joins our Grand Master in extending congratulations to M.W. Bro. Sam Harris for the excellence of our Bulletin.

We concur that the Grand Secretary should be a member of the committee on the work.

It is the fervent hope of your committee that you will have many years of good health to enjoy the fruits of your labors; we know that your experience will be of great value to Grand Lodge.

Faternally submitted,

R. J. BRADLEY P.G.M.

H. B. MACDONALD P.G.M.

L. W. BOND P.G.M.

Moved by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83), that the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF CEREMONIALS

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee appointed to consider the matter of Lodge Ceremonials begs to report as follows:

1. Opening and Closing of District Meetings: A draft of this Ceremony was prepared and presented at the last Communication of Grand Lodge; this was used during the year and proved to be quite satisfactory. The Committee now recommends that a rubric be added stating that: "The position of the Great Lights, the Signs and Salutations of the M.M. Degree" be used, and that the revised ceremonial be printed for general use.

2. Installation of Lodge Officers: The Committee after due consideration of this ceremonial begs to suggest that revisions be adopted as follows:

- (a) The preamble be rewritten, Section 151 substituted for Section 150.
- (b) Requesting the Installing Master to act be changed to read, W.M. W. Bro., I have great pleasure in requesting you to act as Installing Master. (The Installing Master takes his seat at the right of W.M.) I.M. Brethren, we are about to install the Worshipful Master and invest the other Officers of this Lodge for the ensuing year. W. Bro. will you please assist me as Director of Ceremonies. (The Lodge is now lowered to the Fellowcraft Degree by the Worshipful Master).
- (c) At Obligation: you will K. on your R.K. Place your R.H. on the V.O.T.S.L., say "I", pronounce your several names in full and repeat after me: (* * *) in the presence of G.G.A.T.U. and this Worshipful Lodge of F.C.M.'s.
- (d) At retirement? except the W.M. elect. The Director of Ceremonies will collect the Collars, jewels, wands, etc.
- (e) At processions: will salute the W.M. as M.Ms., F.Cs. or E.As.
- (f) After charge from N.E.
You will be pleased to enter upon the immediate exercise of the duties of your office by naming the other officers of the Lodge as they are required for investiture. I.M. The Past Masters will now leave the Warden's Chairs.
- (g) Invest Chaplain, an appointed officer, immediately after the Secretary, with the following:

THE CHAPLAIN:

I.M. Bro. You have been appointed Chaplain of this Lodge and I now invest you with the Jewel of your Office. It represents the Open Book which is always upon the altar when the Lodge is at labour. The V.S.L. is the first and greatest of the three Great Lights in Freemasonry, without it no Lodge is perfect and without an avowed belief in the Divine inspiration therein contained a candidate cannot be initiated into Freemasonry. Your duty will be to conduct the

devotional portions of our ceremonies with fitting reverence and solemnity.

(h) Use "Jewel of your office" in all officers.

(i) The General Charge:

delete all of Paragraph 2.

insert (if thought desirable the following may be given:)

From, "Before I conclude to the ideal of a Freemason."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. H. JACKSON, P.G.M. Chairman

C. C. HARTMAN, P.G.M.

F. P. GALBRAITH, P.G.M.

Moved by M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), that the report of the Committee on the Revision of Ceremonials be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Master: Brethren, we have completed the business on the Agenda. Has any brother any matter that he wishes to bring before this Grand Lodge?

R.W. Bro. W. E. Briggs (101) drew attention to the practice of many Lodges cutting corners in the Ritual, especially with respect to the closing. He considered that steps should be taken to prevent any depature from established usage and custom.

The Grand Master. Thank you R.W. Bro. Briggs, I am sure that the incoming Grand Master will give attention to the suggestion made. Now Brethren, I would like at this time to enquire if any other Brother has any item of general business or anything of interest to this Grand Lodge or a Constituent Lodge. For some weeks past R.W. Bro. Rivers, R.W. Bro. Sheppard and myself have been endeavouring to work out a plan which would complete the business of this Grand Lodge in time to give its members an opportunity of bringing to the floor before adjournment any matters of general interest which would be of benefit to this Grand Lodge. From time to time we hear from our members that the business of Grand Lodge is to some extent railroaded through. I have felt that myself for a good many years and we have been endeavouring to get away from the so-called railroadng, but I can assure you that it is not as easy as it looks. You will remember yesterday morning when we started, I thought at about half past ten that we were going to be here for a week. We invite distinguished persons to come to us to link us with the civil life of our Province and our Country and we are anxious to hear what they have to say. But these things do take time and to some extent perhaps they preclude full discussion of all questions that come before Grand Lodge. But I would like to point out to you that it is now 9:30 a.m. and we have ample time for any matter of interest to the Grand Lodge or a Constituent Lodge to be brought to the floor.

I would be very pleased at this time if any member present would introduce any question, as has been done by R.W. Bro. Briggs, that would be of interest to this Grand Lodge or for any member.

R.W. Bro. W. L. McPhee, D.D.G.M. District No. 1 drew attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge Officers and all Constituent Lodges were notified in March of the names of those nominated for office. He was of the opinion that it would be better if this notification also conveyed some

information in regard to the members nominated as most of the Brethren were voting for a name only. If particulars were available all could vote more intelligently.

R.W. Bro. W. L. McPhee mentioned that he was thinking particularly of the office of Junior Grand Warden, the incumbent of which would in a scant four years occupy the Chair of Grand Master. He felt that it would benefit Grand Lodge greatly if the brethren were able to select a man on the merits of his Masonic work.

The Grand Master: Brethren, the list referred to is sent out immediately following the close of nominations on the last day of February. I must confess that I agree in some measure with R.W. Bro. McPhee, especially in relation to the Board of General Purposes, where there is a list of fourteen or fifteen names from whom we are asked to select eight. I am quite confident that in some cases the members in voting say that the first eight look as good as the last so number accordingly, however any change will require an amendment to the Constitution and can come from a Constituent Lodge.

R.W. Bro. W. S. Kent (117): Yesterday I promised R.W. Bro. Smallwood, D.D.G.M. of District 17 that I would bring something before this Grand Lodge, as he had to return home. It is in connection with the Benevolent Fund. We all know that it is very well administered. Bro. Smallwood's idea is that we should consider building an Old People's Home. He hoped that if it was brought before this Communication the President of the Board and the Grand Master could give it consideration before next year.

M.W. Bro. Ireland (9): If R.W. Bro. Smallwood would go back to his proceedings of 1951, he will there find a report of a Special Committee set up by M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, which deals very fully with this question. The report fully demonstrates that the building of any home is the most undesirable thing for this jurisdiction. Brethren, I would ask all of you to again read that report.

The Grand Master: R.W. Bro. Kent, would you be good enough to call that report to the attention of R.W. Bro. Smallwood.

Grand Master: Brethren, we have a visitor here who has travelled the greatest distance of any of those who have honoured us with his presence at this Communication. I refer to R.W. Bro. Charles Elliott, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. I might say that when R.W. Bro. Rivers and I were in New York in February en route to Washington, R.W. Bro. Elliott was good enough to meet us and was most gracious to us. I am very pleased to call on R.W. Bro. Charles Elliott.

R.W. Bro. Charles S. Elliott: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I bring you M.W. Sir the personal greetings of my Grand Master; he asked me to convey to you his great love and his remembrance of the many conversations he had with you at the Washington Conference last February. He asked me to bring to you all his congratulations on the completion of this wonderful year.

Brethren, I have been travelling to Alberta on many occasions; it is always a pleasure to come back. I came here first in 1930 to hear the skirl of the pipes at Banff. I would willingly come here to hear and see the Highland Games at any time. I also came to the Stampede at Calgary in 1941. I am now in my 84th year and I do not suppose that

I shall have the opportunity of visiting the west again; my good wife who is with me is about the same age. The blood of you Westerners is warm; I appreciate visiting you. I am an historian; you find strange and wonderful things as an historian. I was very pleased to see the tribute you paid to your historian yesterday and to listen to the grand address given by an historian last October. Brethren, I say to you, God bless you on the completion of your Fifty years; may you grow in numbers, may you grow in heart-throb and soul vision. Thank you, M.W. Grand Master.

The Grand Master: Thank you very much R.W. Bro. Elliott. I can assure you that we are very pleased indeed to have you with us.

The Grand Master: I would like to call on R.W. Bro. J. McCormick, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota for a word of greeting.

R.W. Bro. McCormick: M.W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren all. I am very happy that I was able to represent M.W. Bro. Kidder who had another engagement. It was just my good luck to have the opportunity of visiting you. You have a beautiful country, coming in on the plane from Winnipeg it was like the boy in Texas said, "You could see for two full days". I want to bring to you the greetings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and more than fifteen thousand Masons whom I have the honour to represent. We also want to issue an invitation to you M.W. Sir, and to your successor to our Grand Lodge which will open on Monday night, June 18th. We shall be glad to have any who can attend. Thank you M.W. Sir and all my Brethren for all the courtesies you have extended to me, since my arrival in your City.

The Grand Master: Thank you very much R.W. Bro. McCormick. I would now like to call on R.W. Bro. Reinemer, representing the Grand Lodge of Montana.

R.W. Bro. J. P. Reinemer: Brethren, I bring you the warmest fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Montana and M.W. Bro. Johnson, Grand Master. He regrets very much that it was not possible for him to be in attendance; that again is my gain. I have enjoyed listening to the work of your Grand Lodge and greatly enjoyed the wonderful talk we heard last evening. My thanks M.W. Grand Master, for your hospitality. My family and I have greatly enjoyed our visit to your Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master: Thank you, Bro. Reinemer.

The Grand Master: Brethren, our business is finished, but before we have a short intermission to prepare for Installation I wish to express my very sincere appreciation for your attendance at this Communication, for the cooperation that you have given me in the conduct of the meeting, and I would like to express to those who have been elected to the respective offices for the next year, my most sincere congratulations. I would like to thank my officers who have served with me for the past year. I deeply appreciate their cooperation and assistance. I would like too, to express one more word of thanks to my District Deputies, the men who have contributed in no small measure to any success that has been achieved during the past twelve months. I would like to express my appreciation to the Lodges who have been good enough to entertain me during my term of office, to their Masters, Officers and members, to those who have been good enough to entertain me in their homes on the occasion of my visit. I would like to thank R.W. Bro. Rivers, Grand Secretary, for the care and pains in the conduct of the duties of his office, care which has certainly made my task very much lighter than it would otherwise have

been. I think it goes without saying that I shall never forget the magnificent experience that has been mine and all the privileges that have been mine in being able to serve you as your Grand Master in the past year. May I extend to each one of you my deepest thanks and appreciation for all the cooperation I have enjoyed. (Loud Applause.)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman (16), of Olds, acted as Installing Grand Master and was assisted by V.W. Bro. W. J. Hamilton (124), Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Grand Master-elect, R.W. Bro. Ross Stanley Sheppard (11) was presented by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51) and was installed in accordance with the ancient ceremonies. The other Grand Lodge Officers were invested by M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8). Following the conclusion of the ceremony and the proclamation by the V.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies the Installing Grand Master addressed the newly installed Grand Master and the Brethren.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Our Masonic tradition is such that at this time each year we reach a point in our Grand Lodge business with a two-fold feeling. On the one hand, regret with the passing out of office of a G.M. and a faithful slate of officers who have served us well. To the immediate past G.M. and his officers I would offer my thanks and congratulations for work well done and a successful Masonic year under their stewardship. In the second place, we welcome into leadership for the ensuing year our newly installed G.M. and all his G.L. Officers. It is this annual coming and going in our G.L. which keeps that vigor in our membership so essential to the carrying on of our great work. To our incoming officers, let us individually pledge whole-hearted support.

For any brother to be invited to act as I.O. at the ceremony just completed is a distinct honor and pleasure. But for me this occasion has been a particularly happy one, for the M.W.G.M. Bro. Sheppard served as my D.D.G.M. and I can assure you that it was evident at that time that he was in every way fitted to occupy the chair he now does. I am certain that the incoming G.M. will profit by his broad education and experience, his Masonic learning, and his considered judgment of all problems which may confront him. You have listened with attention, M.W.G.M., to a recapitulation of the duties and responsibilities as head of this Grand Jurisdiction and the Craft may expect with confidence that all will be well attended.

But let me remind you again, my Brethren, that each member of the Craft has his own responsibilities as a Freemason.

Important and essential as leadership is in any organization, yet an Institution of the nature of ours cannot progress toward its ultimate objective without the support and practice of its principles in the daily lives of each and every member. We early learned that true Masonry is of the heart. This is true, — and if so, why should its devotees not spread its influence in their daily lives both by precept and example? Masonry should be as much a part of the daily living of each individual member as the care and protection of his loved ones, not something remembered occasionally to guide actions and thoughts, but a part of character, or a force so strong within that it becomes so much a part of that individual that it automatically is his way of life. It is through business, through social life and in the community that most of us must spread the teachings of Brotherly Love,

Relief and Truth: those attributes which in the end must affect mankind and bring the world into a saner and safer state. To few is it given to be placed in positions to do great things, but through the constant cooperative effort of many individuals, a force may be developed with an irresistible momentum that will gradually and subtly make its way into the hearts of men the world over, and the principles of Freemasonry, no matter under what name, become recognized as those of correct living for the world.

This is the support I ask you to give our newly installed Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers and Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard: My Brethren, before closing this Grand Lodge I would ask you to bear with me while I attempt to express my appreciation for the great distinction and honour which you conferred on me in elevating me to the highest office in your power to bestow, that of Grand Master.

I assure you that in accepting this high office, I realize that it carries with it heavy and very important responsibilities; I also assure you that I will do my best to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

With the assistance of the fine slate of officers that have been elected and appointed I trust that during the coming year the affairs of Grand Lodge will be so directed that Freemasonry in the Province may go forth as the constant messenger of peace and love and be an important factor in promoting the welfare of this fine province.

I hope that ways and means may be found so that the candidates and all the brethren may receive more Masonic education than they have in the past. If this is possible, I am certain that the attendance at our Lodges will be better and that the fundamental principles of our Order—brotherly love, relief and truth—will be instilled in the minds of the brethren and the four cardinal virtues—Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice—will be practiced to a great extent.

During the past three years it has been my privilege to work and consult with M.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert and I would like to note the efficient manner in which he filled the office of Grand Master. His hard work, his sound judgment and expert guidance has done much for Masonry in this Province.

I would also like to say that our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, is a tower of strength to the Order. His knowledge of the work, his ability to handle special problems that arise, does much to ease the work of the Grand Master. He is recognized as one of the outstanding Grand Secretaries wherever Freemasonry is known.

It will be the endeavour of your Grand Master and his Officers to further the cause of Freemasonry in this Province during the coming year. I covet your assistance at all times.

May I say thank you, M.W. Bro. Hartman, for the impressive manner in which you have conducted the Installation ceremony. As we are about to close, may I again thank you all for an honour that I shall always appreciate. Loud applause.

The Deputy Grand Master and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens also expressed their thanks briefly.

Presentation of Past Grand Master's Jewel to M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert

M.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard: It is indeed a pleasure for me, in this my first duty as Grand Master, to address you M.W. Bro. Heckbert. Your Masonic duties give you certain responsibilities as a citizen, an officer of the Lodge and a man. During the past year you have lived up to the charge and we all congratulate you. Yesterday you presented a report of your work during the year. That report was submitted to a Committee, the Committee reported today in the most favourable manner. During the past three to four years it has been my privilege to be associated with you in many parts of Masonic work; I congratulate you on the skill, the energy, the efficiency in which you have carried out your duties and on behalf of Grand Lodge present you with the Jewel of your office. I trust you may be long spared to wear it and that you will continue as an efficient interested member of the Craft.

M.W. Bro. Heckbert: Thank you very much.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of the Communication being concluded, Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM and with prayer by the acting Grand Chaplain, M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson at 12:15 p.m.



Grand Secretary.



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And all District Deputy Grand Masters

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In Memory

of

The Honored Dead

of

Sister Jurisdictions

this page is dedicated



M. W. Bro. William Murray Connacher

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1872 — 1956

On Thursday, April 12th, 1956, at the Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary, there passed peacefully into that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns" our oldest Past Grand Master, William Murray Connacher.

Born at Campbelltown, New Brunswick, May 17th, 1872, the son of William and Jane Connacher, he was educated in the public schools of Campbelltown and in 1886 joined the Bank of Nova Scotia as a junior, remaining there until 1891. After serving in various branches of the Bank throughout the Maritime Provinces, he was transferred in 1900 to Arnprior, Ontario as Manager and came to Calgary in 1903 to open a branch of that Bank. He resigned from the Bank of Nova Scotia in 1917 to become President and Manager of The Security Trust Company Ltd.

Bro. Connacher was married at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia in 1898 to Kate Burrill who predeceased him in Calgary in August, 1954. They leave one daughter, Margaret.

M. W. Bro. Connacher was initiated into Freemasonry in Scotia Lodge, Yarmouth, 18th February, 1895; passed on 18th March and raised on the 18th April, all in the same year. He was elected a Member of Perfection Lodge No. 60 (now No. 9) 20th September, 1904 and was Worshipful Master in 1907 and again in 1912. An active and keen Mason, especially in the matter of benevolence, many were recipients of his bounty, little knowing of its source. No one appealed to him in vain for help and whenever he heard of any sickness or distress, the helping hand was always extended. M. W. Brother Connacher was a ritualist; his exemplification of the

York Rite an indelible impression on the Candidate and many Masons marvelled at the excellence of his delivery. He was largely responsible for the beautiful Lodge room at the Alexander Corner which served the Lodges of Calgary for many years until the present Temple was built. In March, 1955, Perfection Lodge honored him at a special Communication commemorating 60 years as a Free Mason.

He first appeared in Grand Lodge at the Session held at Medicine Hat on February 20th, 1906 as Senior Warden of Perfection Lodge; attended Grand Lodge as Worshipful Master at Macleod in 1907 and at the Session held in 1908, he was elected to the Board of General Purposes. From that time on he was a powerful force in Grand Lodge, taking an unusually active part in laying its foundations. He was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee at the Session held in 1909 and continued to hold that appointment until 1935. In 1910, he laid before the Grand Lodge the ritual of the York Rite, which was commonly known as the "Connacher Ritual" — a most complete work, giving full instructions for conducting the several degrees, even to recommending the music that would add to the beauty of the ceremony. In fact, the "Work" was characteristic of the author.

M. W. Bro. Connacher was elected Junior Grand Warden in May, 1914, rising through the several offices each year untill 1917 when he was installed as Grand Master and this was a most outstanding year, as evidenced by his address at the Session of 1918. During that term, the Halifax disaster occurred and he took prompt action, authorizing \$1000.00 to be sent to relieve the sufferers. Largely responsible for setting up what was known at that time as the Patriotic Fund, this ultimately became our present Benevolent Fund, of which he

was Chairman for a number of years. In the many phases of the work of Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Connacher was an active participant, supporting whole-heartedly any measures that would benefit Freemasonry and a staunch protagonist when he considered the interests of the Craft were being jeopardized.

M. W. Bro. Connacher was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and held the office of Elder for many years. He was a loyal supporter of his Church, giving liberally of his time and money to advance its cause. Year after year for many years, he made a practice of visiting the Hospitals and a great number were cheered and comforted through his kindly interest and consideration.

In his passing there has gone from our midst a great Mason, a brother who will long be remembered for his good works, and an outstanding citizen. To those who enjoyed his friendship, he will be remembered for his unfailing loyalty and devoted interest shown in their welfare.

To his daughter, Margaret, we extend our sincere sympathy in the loss she has sustained.

W. I.

In Memoriam
of the
Illustrious Dead
of
Our Own Jurisdiction



*"Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light
Still, wandering downward through the sky
Beam on our mortal sight.*

*So when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light behind him shines
Upon the path of mine."*

Memorial Pages

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River	Wilson, Ralph B.	Feb. 7, 1955
1.	Bow River	Crossley, John	Feb. 14, 1955
1.	Bow River	Dickinson, Arthur Norman	Mar. 8, 1955
1.	Bow River	Collinson, George S. H.	Oct. 19, 1955
1.	Bow River	Nickel, Henry T.	Dec. 17, 1955
2.	Medicine Hat	Nott, John Jessop	Jan. 28, 1955
2.	Medicine Hat	Adkins, William Adkin	Feb. 14, 1955
2.	Medicine Hat	Knight, Thomas William	Mar. 7, 1955
2.	Medicine Hat	Keohane, Jeremiah	Apr. 29, 1955
2.	Medicine Hat	Stevens, Charles James	July 1, 1955
2.	Medicine Hat	Given, Roy	Oct. 27, 1955
2.	Medicine Hat	Monkley, Lewis	Nov. 30, 1955
2.	Medicine Hat	Austad, Thomas	Dec. 1, 1955
3.	Alberta	Mercer, Charlie Alexander	Mar. 13, 1955
3.	Alberta	Currie, William Frederick	Dec. 28, 1955
4.	North Star	Cowgill, Joseph Eastwood	Jan. 14, 1955
4.	North Star	Carlyle, David Poole	May 1955
4.	North Star	McNabb, George A.	Sept. 16, 1955
4.	North Star	Wallace, Robert Weed	Oct. 2, 1955
4.	North Star	Williams, Owen	Nov. 14, 1955
5.	Cascade	Langridge, Edward James	Feb. 3, 1955
5.	Cascade	Sugg, Victor Alexander	Apr. 6, 1955
5.	Cascade	West, Harry	Feb. 23, 1955
5.	Cascade	Thompson, David Henry	June 29, 1955
5.	Cascade	Jamieson, Herbert Isadore	Sept. 3, 1955
5.	Cascade	McLeod, James Irving	Oct. 12, 1955
5.	Cascade	McKinley, Alexander Donald	Nov. 16, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Dunlop, Franklin J.	Feb. 3, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Kelley, John	Feb. 17, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Varley, E. W.	Mar. 20, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Nash, Harry	Apr. 11, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Cumberland Thos. J.	Nov. 1955
7.	Edmonton	Marsom A. George	Dec. 18, 1954
7.	Edmonton	Robertson, Robert S.	Mar. 15, 1955
7.	Edmonton	West, Donald Edward	Apr. 25, 1955
7.	Edmonton	Clarke, William Ernest	May 11, 1955
7.	Edmonton	Anderson, Hugh Thompson	Nov. 4, 1955
7.	Edmonton	Ormsby, Arthur Edward	June 28, 1955
7.	Edmonton	Kenneth, Robert	Sept. 19, 1955
8.	Innisfail	Thomson, Hetherington Joseph	Apr. 23, 1955
8.	Innisfail	Metcalf, John Henry	Nov. 12, 1955
9.	Perfection	Begg, William Andrew	Jan. 13, 1955
9.	Perfection	Orr, Albert Lorne Clarke	Feb. 19, 1955
9.	Perfection	Bowen, David Ray	May 17, 1955
9.	Perfection	Daniels, Charles W.	July 25, 1955
9.	Perfection	Patterson, James	Oct. 2, 1955
9.	Perfection	Suffel, Charles E.	Nov. 6, 1955
9.	Perfection	Hobkirk, Adam Niven	Nov. 6, 1955

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10.	Eureka	Morris, James Henry	May 29, 1955
10.	Eureka	Damron, John Henry	Nov. 25, 1955
10.	Eureka	Talbot, Percy Russell	July 30, 1955
11.	Acacia	Lynn, Oliver Morton	Jan. 29, 1955
11.	Acacia	Wark, Joseph Henry	Oct. 2, 1955
12.	Red Deer	Deitz, William George	Dec. 16, 1954
12.	Red Deer	Kingsett, Harry Harvey	Feb. 24, 1955
12.	Red Deer	Mitchell, Alexander Bruce	Aug. 18, 1955
12.	Red Deer	Hartley, William Herbert	Sept. 6, 1955
12.	Red Deer	Grant, David Reginald	Sept. 14, 1955
14.	Jasper	Pullyblank, William Clarence	Feb. 8, 1955
14.	Jasper	Adams, Alfred Merritt	May 29, 1955
14.	Jasper	Parker, Levi	July 31, 1955
15.	Wetaskiwin	White, Norman A.	Oct. 6, 1955
15.	Wetaskiwin	Armstrong, Leon A.	Sept. 6, 1955
15.	Wetaskiwin	Oesch, Mose	Nov. 7, 1955
16.	Mountain View	Mitchell, William Fraser	Nov. 25, 1955
16.	Mountain View	Shackleton, Percival Wesley	Dec. 21, 1955
17.	Nanton	Berg, Goodwin J.	Jan. 31, 1955
17.	Nanton	Blake, John Steele	Jan. 4, 1955
17.	Nanton	Gahn, Henry	Apr. 3, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Baker, Ernest Ray	Jan. 3, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Heywood, Van Hale	Apr. 6, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Cowling, John Francis	Apr. 16, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Brown, James	Apr. 27, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Carlyle, William Levi	Aug. 5, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Dewie, Peter James	Nov. 1, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Fraser, Donald Alexander	Sept. 17, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Stanley, Vincent Cuthbert W.	Aug. 1, 1955
19.	Cornerstone	Stewart, Angus	Aug. 3, 1955
20.	Carstairs	Hollbrook, Chester Charles	Dec. 3, 1955
20.	Carstairs	Kirk, J. E.	Dec. 30, 1955
21.	King Hiram	Franklin, Samuel Edward	Aug. 11, 1955
21.	King Hiram	Topley, John	Aug. 21, 1955
21.	King Hiram	Spence, William David	Sept. 3, 1955
22.	Corinthian	Bettley, Thomas	Feb. 15, 1955
22.	Corinthian	Jones, Frank Roy Clinton	Apr. 21, 1955
22.	Corinthian	McKay, Henry E.	June 15, 1955
23.	Calgary	Douglas, Albert Allan	May 8, 1955
23.	Calgary	Waldie, Garrett William	June 26, 1955
23.	Calgary	Shaw, Edward Ralph	Nov. 30, 1955
24.	Vermilion	Brown, Henry Wentworth	June 19, 1955
24.	Vermilion	McLean, Lorne Heddry	Sept. 23, 1955
24.	Vermilion	Long, Herbert Percy	Nov. 7, 1955
25.	St. John's	Reid, Robert Mills	Mar. 12, 1955
25.	St. John's	Hughes, William H.	Oct. 5, 1955
26.	Sentinel	Coupland, George	Dec. 4, 1955
27.	Apollo	Taylor, William T.	Feb. 2, 1955
27.	Apollo	Gardner, Edward M.	Aug. 16, 1955
27.	Apollo	Stotts, Howard George	Dec. 7, 1955
28.	Ashlar	Griffith, Arthur L.	June 22, 1955

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28.	Ashlar	Soper, Frank	Nov. 27, 1955
29.	Kenilworth	Eaglesham, John	Jan. 14, 1955
32.	Cairo	Morrison, George Lloyd	Oct. 9, 1955
33.	Stavely	Brand, James Hugh	July 9, 1955
34.	Star of the West	Loggin, Arthur N.	Apr. 25, 1955
35.	Mizpah	Purchase, Harold Clyde	May 29, 1955
35.	Mizpah	Bassett, Charles Robert Wilson	Oct. 8, 1955
35.	Mizpah	Simmonds, William Robert	Nov. 17, 1955
36.	Gleichen	MacDonald, Dan	Feb. 13, 1955
36.	Gleichen	Stocken, Harry W. Gibbon	May 25, 1955
36.	Gleichen	Scott, Henry	July 4, 1955
36.	Gleichen	MacCallum, Archibald F.	Dec. 26, 1955
37.	Camrose	Johnson, Harold Arthur	May 11, 1955
38.	Hope	Olsen, Theodore Christian	Mar. 18, 1955
38.	Hope	Rose, Alexander Campbell	May 20, 1955
38.	Hope	Hay, Alexander	Apr. 17, 1955
39.	Lethbridge	Reed, William Edward	Apr. 10, 1955
40.	Joppa	Thompson, Walter Russell	Nov. 18, 1955
43.	Tuscan	Caldwell, J. Harmon	Jan. 5, 1955
44.	Buffalo Park	Ford, Albert Hugh	Jan. 12, 1955
45.	Ionic	Wilton, Talmage M.	Feb. 22, 1955
45.	Ionic	Kent, William James	Mar. 26, 1955
45.	Ionic	Whitfield, Robert	June 2, 1955
46.	Palestine	Schultz, Alfred W.	Jan. 27, 1955
46.	Palestine	Biernes, Arthur Appleton	Jan. 23, 1955
51.	Unity	Roberts, William R.	Jan. 17, 1955
51.	Unity	Richards, Aubrey W.	Jan. 28, 1955
51.	Unity	Chandler, Henry	Feb. 17, 1955
51.	Unity	Parks, Frank	Apr. 9, 1955
51.	Unity	Parsons, Sidney	Apr. 23, 1955
51.	Unity	Grant, Austin Harvey	May 6, 1955
51.	Unity	Waggott, John George	June 23, 1955
51.	Unity	Sullivan, Albert	June 26, 1955
51.	Unity	Balsdon, Lewis Edwin	July 18, 1955
51.	Unity	Livingstone, Alex Shepherd	Aug. 13, 1955
51.	Unity	Thorne, Henry Abraham T.	Aug. 16, 1955
51.	Unity	Elliott, Robert Parkin	Aug. 24, 1955
51.	Unity	McDonald, David	Sept. 20, 1955
51.	Unity	Hollands, George Gray	Dec. 25, 1955
53.	Strathmore	Brand, John Murray	Aug. 12, 1955
53.	Strathmore	Graig, Orlando Grant	Nov. 9, 1955
54.	Mount Lebanon	Jefferies, James Edward	July 8, 1955
54.	Mount Lebanon	Emerson, Eric James	July 26, 1955
54.	Mount Lebanon	Edwards, Richard Robert	Sept. 12, 1955
54.	Mount Lebanon	Dawson, John	Dec. 1, 1955
55.	Bassano	McCaugherty, Ernest H.	Apr. 14, 1955
56.	Beaver	Marshall, Thomas Arthur	Jan. 2, 1955
56.	Beaver	Stone, William	June 12, 1955
57.	Grassy Lake	Peterson, Peter	Jan. 30, 1955
57.	Grassy Lake	Carruthers, Parker	June 1, 1955

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59.	King George	Grafton, George	Jan. 31, 1955
59.	King George	Kelly, Sydney Charles	Apr. 11, 1955
59.	King George	Prynn, Leo	Mar. 11, 1955
59.	King George	Meers, Ernest Walter	July 12, 1955
59.	King George	Bevan, Edward G.	Sept. 7, 1955
59.	King George	Messenger, Clarence E.	Oct. 22, 1955
59.	King George	Dingle, John W.	Dec. 15, 1955
61.	Provost	McNicol, Duncan	Sept. 2, 1955
62.	Melrose	Sweeney, Patrick Auron	Feb. 11, 1955
62.	Melrose	Wetterberg, Frederick Vincent	Oct. 9, 1955
63.	Empire	Allan, Colin	Jan. 28, 1955
63.	Empire	Bull, Thomas William	Feb. 28, 1955
63.	Empire	Dewar, Maxwell Cameron	Apr. 1, 1955
63.	Empire	Heron, William	Aug. 31, 1955
64.	Bow Island	Adams, Pemberton Hershel	Aug. 3, 1955
68.	Edson	Hamilton, Duncan Cameron	Sept. 8, 1955
68.	Edson	Barrett, David	Oct. 14, 1955
68.	Edson	Herpshaw, Joseph	Dec. 14, 1955
70.	Quarry	Sneddon, Thomas	Mar. 13, 1955
71.	Tawatinaw	deGoede, Henry	Apr. 26, 1955
72.	Coronation	Davis, Fred Raymond	Sept. 7, 1955
72.	Coronation	Short, John A.	Oct. 8, 1955
73.	Brooks	Nurcombe, Gordon Samuel	Aug. 16, 1955
74.	Vulcan	McAskile, Peter	Jan. 27, 1955
74.	Vulcan	Dorch, John	Feb. 21, 1955
75.	Harmony	Butt, Francis Alfred	Aug. 24, 1955
76.	Fidelity	Wells, William Edward	Sept. 29, 1955
76.	Fidelity	Bell, Simon	Oct. 14, 1955
77.	Strathcona	Coshow, Oliver Owen	Jan. 21, 1955
77.	Strathcona	Wright, Richard	Feb. 12, 1955
77.	Strathcona	Dingle, Albert Earle	May 6, 1955
77.	Strathcona	Vince, Edmead Watson	July 25, 1955
77.	Strathcona	McKibbin, James	Sept. 29, 1955
78.	Hanna	Abbott, Charles Roy	Apr. 19, 1955
80.	Excelsior	Powell, Robert	Oct. 25, 1955
81.	Commercial	Blasdel, Elmer	Sept. 1955
81.	Commercial	Turner, George Duncan	Oct. 1955
83.	Zetland	Gale, Richard B.	Feb. 3, 1955
83.	Zetland	Dixon, Fred W.	Feb. 6, 1955
83.	Zetland	Selby, Ernest Raymond	June 17, 1955
83.	Zetland	Black, James	June 24, 1955
83.	Zetland	White, Frederick Roy	Dec. 9, 1955
84.	Champion	Bozarth, William Frank	Sept. 7, 1955
84.	Champion	Higgins, Joseph H.	Dec. 21, 1955
86.	Rocky Mountain	Cawsey, James Archibald	Jan. 26, 1955
86.	Rocky Mountain	Chappell, William Henry	July 27, 1955
87.	Crescent	Gauld, Alexander	Jan. 26, 1955
87.	Crescent	Couper, James	Oct. 19, 1955
87.	Crescent	MacKenzie, Alexander Bury	Sept. 11, 1955
88.	Wahpun	Hall, Joseph	Feb. 10, 1955

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89.	Peace River	Moore, William Edmond	Nov. 30, 1955
89.	Peace River	Peterson, Charles	Feb. 9, 1955
90.	Norwood	Richardson, Norman	Mar. 23, 1955
90.	Norwood	Hulbert, Louis Kerwin	June 25, 1955
90.	Norwood	Hunt, Thomas O.	Nov. 17, 1955
90.	Norwood	Dower, Anshel A.	Nov. 25, 1955
91.	Patricia	Haliburton, William H.	Feb. 20, 1955
91.	Patricia	Irving John	Sept. 21, 1955
91.	Patricia	Jentz, Henry H.	Apr. 5, 1955
91.	Patricia	Strachan, John	Mar. 19, 1955
91.	Patricia	Brebner, Alan A.	Sept. 11, 1955
91.	Patricia	Collins, Mortimer E.	Sept. 29, 1955
91.	Patricia	Cornell, Sylvanus E.	Aug. 5, 1955
91.	Patricia	Gowan, George H.	Sept. 20, 1955
91.	Patricia	Meters, Thomas William	Nov. 23, 1955
91.	Patricia	Williams, John Anson	Aug. 6, 1955
92.	Saskatchewan	Parsons, Richard Donald	Apr. 19, 1955
92.	Saskatchewan	Watt, John McNair	May 14, 1955
92.	Saskatchewan	Williams, Alfred Wallace	May 23, 1955
92.	Saskatchewan	Lee, Joseph	Dec. 4, 1955
93.	Symbol	Harrison, James W.	Jan. 5, 1955
93.	Symbol	McKenzie, James A.	Feb. 21, 1955
93.	Symbol	Pepper, Owen	Oct. 10, 1955
93.	Symbol	Redpath, James	Oct. 16, 1955
95.	Kitchener	Good, William James	Jan. 3, 1955
95.	Kitchener	Kilpatrick, Donald	Apr. 3, 1955
95.	Kitchener	Scrimgeour, William	Oct. 9, 1955
100.	Century	McKenzie, Francis Lorne	Aug. 24, 1955
103.	Foremost	Wilson, James Strong	Oct. 15, 1955
104.	Oyen	Meade, Richard H.	Feb. 20, 1955
105.	Grande Prairie	Anderson, Martin Holns	Sept. 3, 1955
105.	Grande Prairie	Bell, Cecil R.	Nov. 17, 1955
105.	Grande Prairie	Millar, Laurin Kennedy	
107.	Carbon	Edwards, Percy	Jan. 7, 1955
107.	Carbon	Sherring, Richard	Jan. 17, 1955
111.	Nobleford	Hunt, Claude M.	Feb. 28, 1955
113.	Cyprus	Andrews, George Lockwood	Jan. 16, 1955
116.	Spirit River	Robertson, Donald Heath	June 24, 1955
116.	Spirit River	Laurie, Robert McCaig	Feb. 11, 1955
116.	Spirit River	Tracy, Stephen Edward	Sept. 10, 1955
116.	Spirit River	Wade, William	Sept. 1955
117.	Dominion	Smith, Sidney Thomas	May 2, 1955
117.	Dominion	Ott, Willie	May 4, 1955
117.	Dominion	Silzer, William	Nov. 24, 1955
118.	St. Mark's	Little, Ernest	Apr. 9, 1955
118.	St. Mark's	Langell, Duncan B.	Oct. 20, 1955
119.	York	Lonsberry, Donald John	Jan. 5, 1955
119.	York	Llewellyn, Thomas Henry	Jan. 10, 1955
119.	York	Mossey, Gordon Robert	June 26, 1955
119.	York	McLean, George Nathaniel	Oct. 28, 1955

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120.	Consort	Murphy, Frank Monroe	Sept. 19, 1955
124.	Concord	Rhodes, Robert Samuel	Apr. 10, 1955
124.	Concord	Melland, Frank	June 9, 1955
124.	Concord	McIntyre, Lee Graham	July 22, 1955
126.	Pembina	Gilchrist, William	May 17, 1955
127.	Granite	Mallinger, Frank M.	Aug. 12, 1955
128.	Forestburg	Svenson, Sven	Sept. 11, 1955
128.	Forestburg	Hastings, Chester Augustus	Sept. 24, 1955
129.	Meridian	Malloch, James	Feb. 27, 1955
129.	Meridian	Norman, Leigh Charles	Mar. 17, 1955
129.	Meridian	Messenger, John C.	Dec. 9, 1955
130.	Hussar	Jensen, Mads Christian	June 7, 1955
130.	Hussar	Anderson, Manville Vigor	Nov. 8, 1955
131.	Kitscoty	Seabrook, Frederick Charles	Nov. 27, 1955
133.	Manyberries	Larsen, John	Dec. 13, 1955
134.	Renfrew	Williams, Alfred Henry	Jan. 10, 1955
134.	Renfrew	MacLaren, George	Jan. 21, 1955
134.	Renfrew	Bureau, George William	Nov. 23, 1955
137.	Irricana	Loftsgaarden, Henry C.	Jan. 9, 1955
137.	Irricana	Anderson, Oscar	Oct. 8, 1955
137.	Irricana	Williams, John Hall	Nov. 25, 1955
140.	Big Valley	McKee, Harry L.	Oct. 13, 1955
141.	Efficiency	Mitchell, William Alexander	Aug. 6, 1955
141.	Efficiency	Russell, Clark	July 27, 1955
142.	Ivanhoe	Chorley, Frederick	Sept. 28, 1955
142.	Ivanhoe	McGarvey, Edward Franklin L.	Sept. 30, 1955
143.	Jasper Park	Greenwood, Harry	Sept. 1955
143.	Jasper Park	McCullough, Lorne	Oct. 1955
143.	Jasper Park	Sliter, Samuel Y.	July 14, 1955
145.	St. Alban's	Fraser, James	Apr. 23, 1955
146.	Drumheller	Stark, Thomas	Apr. 9, 1955
148.	Mayerthorpe	Granley, Ordean Stacy	Aug. 17, 1955
151.	Locheam	Proudler, Albert Francis	Jan. 22, 1955
151.	Locheam	Reynar, John Austin	Mar. 18, 1955
151.	Locheam	Parsons, Albert	May 12, 1955
151.	Locheam	Yanke, Fred	Oct. 18, 1955
151.	Locheam	Pollok, John David	Nov. 17, 1955
152.	Standard	Sorensen, Carl	Aug. 7, 1955
153.	Whitecourt	Baxter, Harold Frank	Nov. 7, 1955
154.	Waskatenau	Wolf, Arthur	Aug. 1, 1955
156.	Hythe	Hodges, William George	Dec. 9, 1955
158.	Berry Creek	Bartman, Russell Secord	June 22, 1955
160.	Sexsmith	Robertson, Donald Heath	June 20, 1955
160.	Sexsmith	Lonsdale, James	Sept. 1955
163.	Ancient Landmark	Hadden, William Robert Wood	Sept. 3, 1955

SUSPENSIONS — N.P.D.

December 31st, 1955

No	Lodge	Name
2.	Medicine Hat	Avery, William Aikens
4.	North Star	Kerr, John S.
4.	North Star	Stewart, Ross Earl
5.	Cascade	Elliott, Cecil Everett
6.	Spitzie	Armstrong, Reuben R.
6.	Spitzie	Johnson, John
6.	Spitzie	McKinnon, Albert Alexander
6.	Spitzie	Gunn, James Rollo
7.	Edmonton	Kallman, Kilding
7.	Edmonton	Campbell, James Harold
7.	Edmonton	Grey, Duncan Crawford
7.	Edmonton	McArthur, Walker Kerr
7.	Edmonton	McBurney, James
7.	Edmonton	Richardson, Harold Garven
7.	Edmonton	Robinson, Herbert William Moles
7.	Edmonton	Robson, John W.
7.	Edmonton	Humpheries, John Harold
7.	Edmonton	Hatch, Warden Donald
8.	Innisfail	Black, James Alexander
8.	Innisfail	Gilbertson, Ernest Thomas
9.	Perfection	MacLean, Richard Thomas Mervyn
9.	Perfection	Tait, John Rowan
9.	Perfection	Wallace, Charles James
12.	Red Deer	Dean, Charles Myron
14.	Jasper	Mundy, Thomas Ainsley
14.	Jasper	Wallbridge, Edward Gordon
14.	Jasper	Perkins, Thos, Edward George
14.	Jasper	Winter, Robert
14.	Jasper	Sproule, Kenneth Ross
15.	Wetaskiwin	Williamson, Osborn Henry
15.	Wetaskiwin	Higgenson, Fred
15.	Wetaskiwin	Wing, Danial
17.	Nanton	McPherson, Phillip Angue
17.	Nanton	Armstrong, Robert Eugene Grant
18.	Britannia	Shannon, Howard Lakey
21.	King Hiram	Paul, John Douglas Andrew
22.	Corinthian	Call, Clifford E.
22.	Corinthian	Hoge, Thomas Francis
23.	Calgary	White, William McKenzie
23.	Calgary	Neill, Charles
25.	St. John's	Brant, Henry George
25.	St. John's	Cromb, William T.
27.	Apollo	Doak, Thomas
28.	Ashlar	McGill, William Falconer
28.	Ashlar	Fox, Neil Edward
31.	Doric	Vayro, John George Albert
31.	Doric	Williams, William
35.	Mizpah	Campbell, Charles
35.	Mizpah	George Thomas Levi
36.	Gleichen	Ballard, Carrol P.
37.	Camrose	Weiss, Emil
39.	Lethbridge	Daniel, Albert Jabex Conway
40.	Joppa	Griffen, Alfred Glyn

No	Lodge	Name
41.	King Solomon	Patterson, Robert Hamilton
50.	Comet	McPherson, William H.
51.	Unity	Billingham, Frederick
51.	Unity	Couch, William Joseph
51.	Unity	Parkinson, Harry Jackson
53.	Strathmore	Wheeler, William Keith
53.	Strathmore	Koch, George Edward
54.	Mount Lebanon	Boylan, Samuel Dana
54.	Mount Lebanon	Flegal, Otto Arthur
54.	Mount Lebanon	Miller, Delbert Adam
55.	Bassano	Douglass, Leslie Malcolm Gordon
55.	Bassano	Pollock, William Sylvester
55.	Bassano	Waller, Raymond Chester
59.	King George	McLean, George McKay
60.	Acme	Eitzen, John
60.	Acme	Pearson, Stanley Keith
60.	Acme	Green, Elmer
66.	St. Andrew's	Murray, William Alexander
67.	Charity	Rae, William
67.	Charity	Irwin, Donald
67.	Charity	Lloyd, Douglas Charles
70.	Quarry	Charlton, Robert Edward
70.	Quarry	Champ, Harry
71.	Tawatinaw	Cordingley, Mark Percy
73.	Brooks	Vinet, Joseph, Paul
73.	Brooks	Aikens, LeRoy Alfred
75.	Harmony	Hooper, Frank Cyril
75.	Harmony	Nesbitt, Walter Stanley
77.	Strathcona	Shore, Edward
77.	Strathcona	Aikens, George Howard
77.	Strathcona	Chester, Ronald George
77.	Strathcona	Harvey, James Murray
77.	Strathcona	Roberts, Herbert Vaughan
77.	Strathcona	Rootes, Kenneth James
77.	Strathcona	Wharton, Anthony
77.	Strathcona	Wilson, William James
81.	Commercial	Stickley, Mathew Ernest
81.	Commercial	Smith, Howard Everett
81.	Commercial	Patterson, William
81.	Commercial	Welsh, Edmund Stuart
81.	Commercial	Winny, Harry Johnstone
84.	Champion	Greenlee, Dewey Waldo
87.	Crescent	Barnett, Alfred John
87.	Crescent	Neufeld, David J.
87.	Crescent	Wheeler, Edward
89.	Peace River	Gleason, William Earl
89.	Peace River	Crawford, Archibald Taylor
89.	Peace River	Harvie, John Creighton
89.	Peace River	Gelsvik, Ingolf A.
90.	Norwood	Elcombe, Keith Fred
90.	Norwood	Stevenson, Harry Lawson
90.	Norwood	Taylor, Edward James
90.	Norwood	Wiggins, Robert Maxwell
90.	Norwood	Wilson, Charles Forrest
91.	Patricia	Edge, Harry
91.	Patricia	Fladager, Tedden Kenneth
93.	Symbol	Gay, Percy C.
93.	Symbol	MacDonald, John A.

No	Lodge	Name
95.	Kitchener	Marcum, Edward Owen
101.	West Edmonton	Knowles, John Arthur
102.	Edgerton	Bevington, Clويد Frank
102.	Edgerton	Enockson, Roald Warren
107.	Carbon	Edwards, Harold
107.	Carbon	Atkinson, John
111.	Nobleford	Atkinson, Gordon F.
118.	St. Mark's	McLellan, Duncan
118.	St. Mark's	Dresen, Esbem H.
124.	Concord	Johnston, Samuel
126.	Pembina	Crothers, Wilfred R.
130.	Hussar	Chamney, Henry Joseph
130.	Hussar	Williams, Thomas Lorwerth
134.	Renfrew	Lacey, Norman George
137.	Irricana	Fountain, John Edgar
138.	Onoway	Bennett, Reginald W.
141.	Efficiency	Townley-Smith, William Thomas
141.	Efficiency	Maher, Thomas William
143.	Jasper Park	Bonner, Alexander Angus
143.	Jasper Park	Hegion, Peter
147.	Northland	Gant, J. B.
147.	Northland	Thompson, E. B.
151.	Locheam	Laing, William Robert Vardy
153.	Whitecourt	Davies, Richard Llewelyn
153.	Whitecourt	Loseeth, Elmer Sherman
153.	Whitecourt	Hoyle, Hudson Bernard
156.	Hythe	Davies, Glen V.
156.	Hythe	Blatta, Edward Ralph
156.	Hythe	Harris, George
156.	Hythe	McDonald, John Alexander
156.	Hythe	Anderson, August Edward
156.	Hythe	Funnell, Arthur Henry
156.	Hythe	Mates, Gordon W.
162.	Yellowknife	McPhee, Albert Roy
162.	Yellowknife	Kingston, John Charles
162.	Yellowknife	Griswold, Ronald Harvey
168.	Highlands	McDougall, Philip
170.	Avon Glen	Copeland, Andrew John

RESTORATIONS December 31st, 1955

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1.	Bow River	Hislop, William Johnston	Oct. 5, 1955
4.	North Star	Rodier, Edward Richard	Jan. 14, 1955
4.	North Star	Heathershaw, George	Oct. 14, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Church, J. H. Clifford	May 3, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Wellman, John Alfred	May 3, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Rutherford, John Wilson	Nov. 1, 1955
6.	Spitzie	Jenkinson, John Wylie	Oct. 4, 1955
7.	Edmonton	Gowan, William D.	Feb. 8, 1955
12.	Red Deer	Dean, Charles Myron	Apr. 4, 1955
13.	Victoria	Henry, Thomas Everard	Apr. 12, 1955
14.	Jasper	Wells, Walter H.	Dec. 12, 1955
15.	Wetaskiwin	Higgenson, Fred	Jan. 20, 1955
15.	Wetaskiwin	Wing, Danial	Jan. 20, 1955
15.	Wetaskiwin	Williamson, Henry Osborn	Aug. 20, 1955

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
15.	Wetaskiwin	Hay, John H.	Oct. 20, 1955
23.	Calgary	Neill, Charles	Feb. 4, 1955
24.	Vermilion	Harris, George Edgar	Mar. 1, 1955
25.	St. John's	Langridge, Edward Percy	Dec. 5, 1955
28.	Ashlar	Mather, Ralph W.	Feb. 26, 1955
36.	Gleichen	Robertson, William H.	Nov. 1, 1955
38.	Hope	McCauley, David	Apr. 11, 1955
38.	Hope	Irvine, Peter Scott	June 13, 1955
39.	Lethbridge	Smee, Alfred Athol	Jan. 1955
43.	Tuscan	Cox, Albert E.	July 1, 1955
46.	Palestine	Sinclair, Albert George	Sept. 17, 1955
49.	Robert Burns	Fowler, Hugh Augustus	June 13, 1955
50.	Comet	Ingram, Francis W.	Jan. 13, 1955
51.	Unity	McLean, John Daniel	Feb. 1, 1955
51.	Unity	Small, Robert	May 3, 1955
53.	Strathmore	Anderson, Robert Henry	June 6, 1955
55.	Bassano	MacKenzie, Thomas William	Sept. 14, 1955
59.	King George	Campbell, Daniel E. C.	Dec. 9, 1955
63.	Empire	Hart, William Henry	June 20, 1955
64.	Bow Island	Bell, Clyde Hubert	Mar. 15, 1955
71.	Tawatinaw	Will, Thomas	Feb. 9, 1955
73.	Brooks	Hurl, Delmer Stanley	Feb. 21, 1955
77.	Strathcona	Stewart, Hugh Miller	Jan. 14, 1955
80.	Excelsior	McKay, Thomas Ray	June 2, 1955
83.	Zetland	Ferte, Albert Joseph	Sept. 19, 1955
84.	Champion	Greenlee, Dewey Waldo	Dec. 30, 1955
87.	Crescent	Barnett, Alfred John	Dec. 27, 1955
90.	Norwood	Williams, Thomas M.	May 3, 1955
91.	Patricia	Edgar, George Maxwell	Jan. 21, 1955
96.	Dynamic	Chappell, Edward E.	Sept. 5, 1955
101.	West Edmonton ..	Chappell, Frederick Middleton	Jan. 5, 1955
101.	West Edmonton ..	Ball, Leslie Henry	Sept. 7, 1955
120.	Consort	Partridge, Thomas	May 9, 1955
123.	Rockyford	Rush, Ivo	Apr. 7, 1955
124.	Concord	Moore, John Dennis	Dec. 30, 1955
129.	Meridian	Messenger, John C.	June 8, 1955
129.	Meridian	Brooks, Raleigh B.	Dec. 14, 1955
129.	Meridian	Willie, Lloyd Walter	Dec. 14, 1955
137.	Irricana	Fountain, John Edgar	July 19, 1955
151.	Lochearn	Morgan, Glen Owen	May 11, 1955
153.	Whitecourt	Davies, Richard Llewelyn	May, 5, 1955
160.	Sexsmith	Harris, Frank Jeston	Mar. 2, 1955
167.	Temple	McCoy, Herbert John	Mar. 11, 1955

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	LODGE	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	REGULAR MEETING
1.	Bow River	E. W. Thomas	909-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	W. A. Noble	Box No. 512, Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	H. E. Taylor	Port Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	E. Faunch	Box No. 402, Lethbridge	Second Friday in each month.
5.	Cascade	R. G. Roberts	Box No. 733, Banff	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitzie	E. L. O'Neill	Fincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	A. R. Knox	10547-53rd Ave., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail	John G. Jackson	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection	John Begg	727-23rd Ave. N.W., Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	Gilbert T. Jackson	Lacombe	Second Thursday in each month.
11.	Acacia	K. W. McTavish	9554-83th Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	G. S. Cowie	Box No. 415, Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria	D. Mackie	Fort Saskatchewan	Second Tuesday in each month.
14.	Jasper	A. Black	11129-65th Street, Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	H. G. Smith	Box No. 393, Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View	A. Outten	Olds	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton	W. H. Allan	Box No. 57, Nanton	Second Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia	Leslie G. Sitters	Prov. Mental Hospital, Ponoka	First Wednesday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone	W. T. Davis	High River	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs	O. G. Goodfellow	Carstairs	Second Thursday in each month.
21.	King Hiram	R. H. Eubank	Dridbury	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian	A. Collins	Black Diamond	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary	C. H. Westmore	113-5th St. N.W., Calgary	First Friday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	H. J. Payne	Vermilion	First Tuesday in each month.
25.	St. John's	John F. Leach	Bellevue	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel	Fred Padgett	Bellevue	Second Thursday in each month.
27.	Apollo	H. Richardson	Box No. 245, Stettler	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashlar	C. W. J. Blomfield	313-10A St. N.W., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth	E. V. Spicer	Box No. 1, Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Summit	H. Allen	Coleman	First Friday in each month.
31.	Doric	J. W. Danielson	Taber	Second Tuesday in each month.

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32.	Cairo	Clarence W. Carney	Clareholm	Third Tuesday in each month.
* 33.	Stavely	A. C. Patterson	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West	W. A. Bell	Leduc	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mizpah	James Henderson	161 7th St., Medicine Hat	Third Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen	Rev. Wm. Morrison	Gleichen	First Tuesday in each month.
* 37.	Camrose	M. W. McDonnell	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.
38.	Hope	W. N. Crooks	Mannville	Second Monday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge	Chris. Gibson	638-14th St. So., Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
* 40.	Joppa	J. Anglin	Granum	Third Thursday in each month.
* 41.	King Solomon	S. Peverell	Cochrane	Third Tuesday in each month.
* 42.	Bowden	D. Murray	Bowden	First Wednesday in each month.
* 43.	Tuscan	W. G. Gair	Killam	Second Thursday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	W. L. MacKinnon	Wainwright	Second Thursday in each month.
* 45.	Ionic	W. J. Morris	Alix	Third Tuesday in each month.
46.	Palatine	J. A. Whyte	Tofield	Third Monday in each month.
47.	Chinook	H. Smyth	Cowley	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 48.	Crossfield	K. C. Neil	Airdrie	Second Monday in each month.
49.	Robert Burns	F. J. Whitmarsh	Carmangay	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 50.	Comet	R. E. Daw	Hardisty	First Tuesday in each month.
51.	Unity	John Booth	11212-69th St., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Langdon	Charier	surrendered June 9th, 1920.	
53.	Strathmore	H. C. Willson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
* 54.	Mount Lebanon	W. J. Harwood	320-19th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Bassano	W. J. Stiles	Drawer No. 129, Bassano	Second Thursday in each month.
* 56.	Beaver Lake	R. Clemis	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
* 57.	Grassy Lake	G. G. Campbell	Purple Springs	Second Thursday in each month.
58.	Chief Mountain	R. M. Christie	Box No. 418, Cardston	Third Tuesday in each month.
59.	King George	H. F. Whittred	126 Kensington Rd., Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
60.	Acme	L. E. Evans	Acme	Thursday on or before full moon.
* 61.	Provost	H. E. Howard	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
* 62.	Melrose	Ken Kennedy	Kelsey	Third Thursday in each month.
63.	Empire	D. A. Thomson	9740-104th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
* 64.	Bow Island	Wm. Hyland	Bow Island	Third Wednesday in each month.
* 65.	Diamond City	R. R. Hughes	Diamond City	First Thursday in each month.

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66.	St. Andrew's	W. T. Paterson	Trochu	Second Thursday in each month.
67.	Charity	Albert Wright	619-12th St. So., Lethbridge	Third Monday in each month.
68.	Edson	Geo. M. MacLean	Box No. 72, Edson	First Thursday in each month.
* 69.	Connaught	Harry Child	Box No. 113, Viking	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 70.	Quarry	J. R. W. Cann	Box No. 240, Reddell	First Tuesday in each month.
* 71.	Tawatinaw	Harold S. Mann	Athabasca	Second Wednesday in each month.
72.	Coronation	M. R. Butterfield	Coronation	Second Thursday in each month.
* 73.	Brooks	L. E. Newby	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
* 74.	Vulcan	D. D. McQueen	Vulcan	First Tuesday in each month.
* 75.	Harmony	E. Leah	Box No. 7, Sedgewick	Second Monday in each month.
76.	Fidelity	Stephen L. Read	Bashaw	Second Tuesday in each month.
* 77.	Strathcona	Peter J. Delicate	9927 Saskatchewan Dr., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
78.	Hanna	William Cross	Hanna	First Monday in each month.
* 79.	Morning Star	D. T. Walmsley	Louheed	Third Thursday in each month.
* 80.	Excelsior	H. V. Phipps	Box No. 35, Strone	First Thursday in each month.
81.	Commercial	F. Booth	9742-11th St., Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
82.	Acadia	Geo. E. McKeage	Youngstown	Tuesday on or before full moon.
83.	Zetland	George Cromie	206 Anderson Apts., Calgary	First Thursday in each month.
* 84.	Champion	John Steeves	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.
85.	Suffield	Charter surrendered October 1st, 1930.		
* 86.	Rocky Mountain	A. R. Plant	Box No. 131, Blairmore	Second Tuesday in each month.
87.	Crescent	C. E. Bloom	1431-6A St. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpun	E. J. Becker	High Prairie	Second Thursday in each month.
89.	Peace River	T. A. Norris, Jr.	Peace River	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood	R. Barson	12224-94th St., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia	J. L. Mellish	Box No. 491, Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	George W. Emery	12613-107th Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
* 93.	Symbol	R. V. Little	Box No. 800, Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	R. H. Shears	Lamont	Second Monday in each month.
* 95.	Kitchener	R. E. Hales	Box No. 191, Rimbey	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamic	Lars Olsen	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	I. E. Neil	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	J. H. Brunner	Delia	Wednesday on or before full moon.
99.	Mount Mariah	Charter surrendered 1923.		

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100.	Century	D. B. Thomson	Milk River	Third Tuesday in each month.
101.	West Edmonton	R. T. Martins	11111-84th Ave., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
*102.	Edgerton	F. L. Snyder	Edgerton	First Tuesday in each month.
*103.	Foremost	W. M. Watson	Nemiscan	First Wednesday in each month.
*104.	Oyen	Ken G. Munroe	Oyen	First Tuesday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	N. H. Swallow	Box No. 96, Grande Prairie	Second Thursday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatoon	R. S. Young	Box No. 1021, Grande Prairie	First Thursday in each month.
107.	Carbon	L. E. Foxon	Carbon	Tuesday on or before full moon.
108.	Pyramid	Charter surrendered November 2nd, 1953.		
109.	Ancient Landmark	Charter surrendered May 16th, 1940. Lodge revived 1953 under No. 163.		
110.	Kilwinning	Amalgamated with Hope No. 38, March 12th, 1951.		
*111.	Nobleford	T. Ronney	Nobleford	Second Tuesday in each month.
112.	Victory	Charter surrendered 1941.		
113.	Cyprus	M. Quigley	Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month.
*114.	Westlock	R. C. Ponting	Box No. 400, Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
115.	Crocus	R. V. Lawrence	Chinook	Wednesday on or after full moon.
116.	Spirit River	R. H. Thompson	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
117.	Dominion	E. Foster	10124-120th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
118.	St. Mark's	Herbert Boon	2601-15th St. W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
*119.	York	E. H. Risler	511-11th St. So., Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
*120.	Monitor	R. M. Hedley	Consort	Second Monday in each month.
121.	Clive	Charter surrendered January, 1935.		
122.	Rising Sun	Charter surrendered November 1st, 1945.		
123.	Rockyford	J. S. MacBeth	Rockyford	Fourth Monday in each month.
124.	Concord	V. J. McKay	919 8th Ave. W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
125.	Cavell	J. Y. Greenwood	Lousana	Third Monday in each month.
126.	Pemhina	Robert A. Conrad	Sangudo	First Monday in each month.
*127.	Granite	George I. Scott	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
*128.	Forestburg	L. W. Anderson A/S	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
129.	Meridian	J. M. Byers	Stony Plain	Second Wednesday in each month.
130.	Hussar	G. G. Montgomery	Hussar	Second Monday in each month.
131.	Kitscoty	J. G. Inglis	Kitscoty	Tuesday on or before full moon.
132.	Craigmyle	A. Sheldad	Craigmyle	Second Tuesday in each month.
133.	Manyberries	Wm. Burr	Manyberries	Third Thursday in each month.

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134.	Renfrew	C. S. B. Lait	Masonic Temple, Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
*135.	Alliance	P. R. Elliott	Alliance	Fourth Monday in each month.
136.	Crescent	P. J. Asplund	Barons	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana	N. J. Henricks	Irricana	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	Gordon R. Wilson	Onoway	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Melrose	Amalgamated with Coal No. 62 as Melrose No. 62, April 12th, 1941.		
*140.	Big Valley	Frank Dewar	Big Valley	First Tuesday in each month.
*141.	Efficiency	J. H. Cochran	Hughenden	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	W. L. Mitchell	12230 Stony Plain Rd., Edmonton	First Monday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	Harold M. Hamilton	Box No. 247, Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Gratton	A. D. Glasgow	Irma	Third Thursday in each month.
*145.	St. Alban's	W. G. Fuller	St. Paul	Fourth Thursday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	W. H. D. Anderson	Box No. 813, Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland	C. J. McCune	Fairview	Second Tuesday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe	John R. Kenny	Mayerthorpe	Second Tuesday in each month.
149.	Rosebud	Charter surrendered January, 1941.		
150.	Donalda	Amalgamated with Apollo No. 27, December 6th, 1937.		
*151.	Lochearn	R. H. Chapman	Rocky Mountain House	Second Thursday in each month.
152.	Standard	Norman F. Watson	Chancellor	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt	E. T. Jackman	Whitecourt	First Thursday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau	H. Lunn	Waskatenau	First Wednesday in each month.
155.	Earl Haig	Charter surrendered 1943; New Lodge Barrhead, 1953.		
156.	Hythe	W. V. Harcourt	Beaverlodge	Last Thursday in each month.
*157.	Sharon	Nic Christ	Box No. 105, Picture Butte	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Berry Creek	John A. Lukey	Sunnook	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne	J. T. Whittaker	Vauxhall	First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Sexsmith	C. R. Brown	Sexsmith	First Tuesday in each month.
161.	Empress	Dave Lush	Empress	Last Thursday in each month.
162.	Yellowknife	N. J. MacLeod	Box No. 4, Yellowknife, N.W.T.	First Wednesday in each month.
*163.	Ancient Landmark	Howard Conway	Box No. 174, Mirror	First Thursday in each month.
164.	Gateway	Harold A. Chowne	Ste. 10, 10030 Jasper Ave., Edm.	Second Tuesday in each month.
165.	Canada	Leonard E. McKay	1401 Third St. N.W., Calgary	Second Wednesday in each month.
166.	Evergreen	Fred C. Outhbertson	10635-133rd St., Edmonton	First Monday in each month.
*167.	Temple	G. H. Clark	10010-123rd St., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.

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168.	Highlands	H. W. Lovell	11912-70th St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
*169.	St. George's	Dr. F. G. Miller	Elk Point	Third Tuesday in each month.
170.	Avon Glen	G. F. Puffer	10722-78th Ave., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
*171.	Barrhead	Henry Laudenklos	Barrhead	Third Thursday in each month.
*172.	Milo	Thomas J. Clarke	Milo	Second Thursday in each month.
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1.	Bow River.....	259	13	13	11	3	1	2			5	269	10	
2.	Medicine Hat	308	8	11	10	3		2	1		8	308		
3.	Alberta	112	3	3	3	3		1			2	115	3	
4.	North Star.....	232	12	11	12	4	2	1	2	....	5	242	10	....
5.	Cascade	173	12	12	11	3	....	2	1	....	7	178	5	....
6.	Spitzie	104	2	1	1	1	4	4	4	....	5	98	....	6
7.	Edmonton	385	14	14	14	2	1	1	10	....	7	384	....	1
8.	Innisfail	112	4	4	4	2	....	1	2	....	2	113	1	....
9.	Perfection	430	19	18	13	5	....	2	3	....	7	442	12	....
10.	Eureka	130	10	9	9	3	....	4	....	....	3	136	6	....
11.	Acacia	390	16	16	15	5	....	11	....	....	2	398	8	....
12.	Red Deer	150	5	5	5	5	1	....	1	....	5	155	5	....
13.	Victoria	66	3	3	4	2	1	....	....	....	....	72	6	....
14.	Jasper	165	9	9	9	....	1	4	5	....	3	163	....	2
15.	Wetaskiwin	112	1	1	1	2	4	3	3	....	3	110	....	2
16.	Mountain View	99	3	3	3	3	....	....	....	....	2	103	4	....
17.	Nanton	94	11	11	12	....	....	1	2	....	3	99	5	....
18.	Britannia	105	....	1	1	1	....	2	1	....	....	103	....	2
19.	Cornerstone	162	2	2	....	1	....	4	....	....	9	152	....	10
20.	Carstairs	50	1	1	2	1	....	1	....	....	2	49	....	1
21.	King Hiram	84	3	3	2	....	....	1	1	....	3	82	....	2
22.	Corinthian	175	3	3	3	1	....	6	2	....	3	168	....	7
23.	Calgary	210	7	7	7	3	1	3	2	....	3	213	3	....
24.	Vermilion	150	2	1	3	2	1	5	....	....	3	147	....	3
25.	St. John's.....	110	2	1	1	....	1	1	2	....	3	107	....	3
26.	Sentinel	79	1	1	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	80	1	....
27.	Apollo	97	9	9	12	5	....	4	1	....	3	103	6	....
28.	Ashlar	191	15	16	16	1	1	3	2	....	2	201	10	....
29.	Kenilworth	145	7	6	7	1	....	5	....	....	1	147	2	....
30.	Summit	76	3	3	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	78	2	....
31.	Doric	90	3	3	3	2	....	....	2	....	....	93	3	....
32.	Cairo	113	13	12	11	1	....	2	....	....	1	124	11	....
33.	Stavely	61	2	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	64	3	....
34.	Star of the West	79	4	6	6	3	....	1	....	....	1	84	5	....
35.	Mizpah	221	10	10	12	3	....	2	2	....	3	227	6	....
36.	Gleichen	78	3	3	3	1	2	3	1	....	4	76	....	2
37.	Camrose	129	10	7	7	1	....	3	1	....	1	135	6	....
38.	Hope	92	....	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	3	90	....	2
39.	Lethbridge	232	6	4	4	2	1	1	1	....	1	238	6	....
40.	Joppa	48	2	2	3	....	....	3	1	....	1	45	....	3
41.	King Solomon	75	3	2	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	77	2	....
42.	Bowden	50	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	50	....	....
43.	Tuscan	48	....	....	....	1	1	2	....	....	1	47	....	1
44.	Buffalo Park	90	5	5	6	1	....	1	....	....	1	94	4	....
45.	Ionic.....	35	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	32	....	3
46.	Palestine	61	2	1	1		1				2	62	1	
47.	Chinook	31	2	2	3	1						34	3	
48.	Crossfield	82	5	4	4			1				86	4	

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49.	Robert Burns ..	42	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	44	2	...
50.	Comet	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	52	1	...
51.	Unity	413	14	14	15	2	2	2	3	...	14	412	...	1
53.	Strathmore	150	7	8	8	1	1	5	2	...	2	150	...	...
54.	Mt. Lebanon....	205	9	9	8	3	...	...	3	...	4	210	5	...
55.	Bassano	97	3	3	3	...	1	4	3	...	1	93	...	4
56.	Beaver	54	5	4	4	2	...	1	...	...	2	58	4	...
57.	Grassy Lake ...	55	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	52	...	3
58.	Chief Mountain	62	6	5	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	66	4	...
59.	King George ...	332	17	17	17	8	1	4	1	...	7	346	14	...
60.	Acme	49	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	45	...	4
61.	Provost	63	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	60	...	3
62.	Melrose	71	5	7	8	...	...	...	...	...	2	74	3	...
63.	Empire	131	8	8	8	4	1	...	...	...	4	140	9	...
64.	Bow Island	66	4	2	1	...	1	2	...	...	1	68	2	...
65.	Diamond City ..	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	...
66.	St. Andrew's ...	84	5	3	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	88	4	...
67.	Charity	89	5	5	6	2	...	1	3	...	...	92	3	...
68.	Edson	219	7	7	2	...	...	3	...	...	3	220	1	...
69.	Connaught	61	5	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	64	3	...
70.	Quarry	41	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	39	...	2
71.	Tawatinaw	63	2	2	1	...	1	3	1	...	...	61	...	2
72.	Coronation	87	8	9	9	...	...	1	...	...	2	92	5	...
73.	Brooks	125	5	5	5	...	1	2	2	...	1	126	1	...
74.	Vulcan	106	3	3	3	2	...	2	...	...	2	107	1	...
75.	Harmony	53	...	2	2	1	...	...	2	...	1	51	...	2
76.	Fidelity	96	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	98	2	...
77.	Strathcona	213	8	9	10	1	1	...	8	...	5	210	...	3
78.	Hanna	122	4	4	6	...	...	5	...	...	1	120	...	2
79.	Morning Star ..	43	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	2	...
80.	Excelsior	28	6	5	5	1	1	1	...	...	1	34	6	...
81.	Commercial	274	15	14	15	2	...	2	5	...	2	282	8	...
82.	Acadia	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...
83.	Zetland	285	11	9	4	4	1	3	...	...	5	293	8	...
84.	Champion	64	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	62	...	2
86.	Rocky Mountain	83	5	6	6	2	...	...	...	...	2	88	5	...
87.	Crescent	316	14	14	13	10	1	7	3	...	3	328	12	...
88.	Wahpun	59	5	5	7	1	...	...	...	...	1	64	5	...
89.	Peace River ...	131	6	7	6	...	...	...	4	...	2	131	...	...
90.	Norwood	252	15	13	13	6	1	4	5	...	4	261	9	...
91.	Patricia	230	3	6	6	...	1	...	2	...	10	222	...	8
92.	Saskatchewan ..	183	11	10	14	...	...	6	...	...	4	184	1	...
93.	Symbol	164	1	1	4	3	...	2	2	...	4	160	...	4
94.	Lamont	60	3	4	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	61	1	...
95.	Kitchener	38	6	6	6	3	...	...	1	...	3	43	5	...
96.	Dynamic	49	2	2	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	52	3	...
97.	Albion	46	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	47	1	...
98.	Hand Hill	78	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	78	...	...

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100	Century	116	3	3	3						1	118	2	
101	West Edm'ton	213	18	18	7		2	1	1			231	18	
102.	Edgerton	45	3	3	3			3	2			43		2
103.	Foremost	56	3	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	58	2	....
104.	Oyen	92	7	8	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	98	6	....
105.	Grande Prairie	120	10	9	10	4	....	4	....	....	3	127	7	....
106.	Lake Saskatoon	41	4	4	4	....	....	1	....	....	....	44	3	....
107.	Carbon	85	1	2	2	....	....	....	2	....	2	82	....	3
111.	Nobleford	31	1	1	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	30	....	1
113.	Cyprus	51	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	51	....	....
114.	Westlock	102	3	4	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	106	4	....
115.	Crocus	34	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	33	....	1
116.	Spirit River	71	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	4	71	....	....
117.	Dominion	194	12	12	13	3	....	1	....	....	3	205	11	....
118.	St. Mark's	186	16	16	16	1	....	3	3	....	2	195	9	....
119.	York	184	7	7	12	1	....	2	....	....	4	186	2	....
120.	Monitor	52	2	3	3	1	1	1	....	....	1	54	2	....
123.	Rockyford	61	2	2	2	1	1	1	....	....	....	64	3	....
124.	Concord	238	14	13	12	4	2	4	1	....	3	250	12	....
125.	Cavell	53	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	53	....	....
126.	Pembina	36	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	34	....	2
127.	Granite	86	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	89	3	....
128.	Forestburg	61	7	7	6	....	....	....	....	....	2	66	5	....
129.	Meridian	77	4	5	2	3	3	1	....	....	3	83	6	....
130.	Hussar	58	....	....	1	....	....	2	2	....	2	52	....	6
131.	Kitscoty	58	3	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	60	2	....
132.	Craigmyle	47	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	....	....
133.	Manyberries	45	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	45	....	....
134.	Renfrew	250	20	20	19	5	....	4	1	....	3	267	17	....
135.	Alliance	45	4	4	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	50	5	....
136.	Cresset	45	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	1	....
137.	Irricana	74	1	1	1	....	1	....	1	....	3	72	....	2
138.	Onoway	41	1	1	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	41	....	....
140.	Big Valley	63	2	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	64	1	....
141.	Efficiency	58	2	2	2	....	....	....	2	....	2	56	....	2
142.	Ivanhoe	233	12	10	4	5	....	3	....	....	2	245	12	....
143.	Jasper Park.....	138	2	2	2	2	....	2	2	....	3	135	....	3
144.	Gratton	40	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	40	....	....
145.	St. Alban's	72	3	4	5	....	....	3	....	....	1	71	....	1
146.	Drumheller	114	4	4	3	1	....	7	....	....	1	111	....	3
147.	Northland	86	3	6	6	....	....	1	3	....	....	85	....	1
148.	Mayerthorpe	53	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	54	1	....
151.	Locheam	104	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	....	5	99	....	5
152.	Standard	45	....	....	....	1	....	2	....	....	1	43	....	2
153.	Whitecourt	53	2	3	3		1		3		1	52		1
154.	Waskatenau	39						2			1	36		3
156.	Hythe	77	2	2	2	2		2	7		1	71		6
157.	Sharon	48	1	1		1		1				49	1	

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158.	Berry Creek ..	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	45	...	1
159.	Lucerne	47	5	4	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	51	4	...
160.	Sexsmith	55	1	1	1	1	1	2	...	...	2	54	...	1
161.	Empress	60	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	1	...
162.	Yellowknife	95	6	6	9	...	...	1	3	...	...	97	2	...
163.	Anc't Landmark	42	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	41	...	1
164.	Gateway	70	6	6	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	76	6	...
165.	Canada	117	16	16	16	4	...	1	...	...	...	136	19	...
166.	Evergreen	68	6	6	6	7	...	2	...	...	...	79	11	...
167.	Temple	83	11	11	9	6	1	...	...	...	...	101	18	...
168.	Highlands	58	9	9	9	4	...	3	1	...	...	67	9	...
169.	St. George's	41	7	8	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	49	8	...
170.	Avon Glen	102	25	25	25	7	...	4	1	...	...	129	27	...
171.	Barrhead	29	5	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	35	6	...
172.	Milo	14	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	1	...
		17,333	806	801	769	217	59	246	149	—	294	17,726	530	137

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Maryland	M. H. Kinsinger, Silver Springs	W. Betts, Calgary
Massachusetts	John A. Carey, Needham	S. H. Middleton, Fort Macleod
Michigan	R. A. West, Crosswell	C. Hartman, Olds
Minnesota	E. J. Simon, St. Paul	J. W. G. Morrison, Vermilion
Mississippi	H. D. Corley, Clarksdale	E. H. Mitchell, Edmonton
Missouri	W. G. Reese, St. Louis	W. J. N. Leslie, Dinsdale
Montana	J. W. Speer, Great Falls	G. R. Davis, Fort Macleod
Nebraska	E. M. Bolen, Ulysses	F. Whitfield, Edmonton
Nevada	A. A. Trimble, Reno	G. W. Skene, Calgary
New Hampshire	B. B. Plumber, Jr. Union	G. Lomas, Calgary
New Jersey	J. R. Wiltzie, So. Orange	W. S. Kent, Edmonton
New Mexico	H. C. Denny, Gallup	J. L. Little, Edmonton
New York	L. R. Furey, New York	W. Rea, Edmonton
North Carolina	J. G. Miller, Raleigh	S. G. Bannan, Blairmore
North Dakota	M. Kidder, Grand Forks	R. E. Patterson, Fort Macleod
Ohio	H. N. George, Youngstown	R. F. Anderson, Bowden
Oklahoma	H. S. Johnson, Perry	J. Henderson, Medicine Hat
Oregon	E. L. York, Portland	J. A. McGhee, Brooks
Pennsylvania		
Rhode Island	A. A. Gartner, E. Providence	C. T. Schon, Brooks
South Carolina	G. I. Whetsell, Orangeburg	R. F. Lawrence, Calgary
South Dakota	R. O. Coats, Hill City	J. P. Marsh, Medicine Hat
Tennessee	L. E. Davis, Springfield	M. A. McIntyre, Edmonton
Texas	S. S. Wood, Waco	H. P. Reid, Edmonton
Utah	A. E. Eberhart, Salt Lake City	O. C. Smith, Calgary
Vermont	C. S. Jones, Burlington	J. Booth, Edmonton
Virginia	A. B. Gay, Richmond	M. J. Brodie, Edmonton
Washington	A. W. Shields, Bellingham	C. S. B. Leit, Calgary
West Virginia	G. W. Miller, Charlestown	A. D. Cumming, Calgary

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Wisconsin	R. Runke, Algoma	A. D. Currie, Calgary
Wyoming		
Argentina	R. D. Carduso, Buenos Aires	A. J. G. Lauder, Edmonton
Austria	P. Burnstein, Vienna	C. D. Nelson, Barons
Chile		J. A. McCool, Edmonton
Colombia (National)	W. A. Trout	W. H. Harper, Calgary
Costa Rica		J. Madill, Edmonton
Cuba	Dr. F. I. Suris, Habana	W. F. Empey, Edmonton
Denmark (National)	A. Troedsson, Copenhagen	D. Morkeberg, Markerville
France (Nationale)	G. H. Hargreaves, Saint Cloud	W. J. Kirby, Rocky Mountain House
Iceland	E. Halldorsson, Reykjavik	A. E. Gudmundson, Edmonton
Mexico (York)	R. N. Schwabe, Mexico City	G. E. Cruickshank, Hillcrest
Netherlands	R. O. Van der Veen, Amsterdam	C. M. Macleod, Edmonton
Norway	C. Hutchinson, Kirkevein, 114D, VII	H. Farvolden, Forestburg
Panama	C. S. Morales	B. C. Jakeman, Innisfail
Paraliba (Brazil)	O. de Rego Luna, Joao Pessoa	
Philippines		L. J. Rosling, Calgary
Puerto Rico	A. R. Phillips, Santurce, P.R.	E. G. Ellerton, Edmonton
Rio De Janeiro	D. Correa, Trinidad	J. J. Petrie, Calgary
Sweden	E. Gunnar, Lasarettet, Lund	W. A. Henry, Lacombe
Switzerland (Alpina)	C. Serex, Lausanne	N. Christ, Picture Butte
Venezuela	M. S. Frija, Caracas	W. G. Agar, Cereal

HONORARY MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE

Past Grand Masters

*W. G. Scott	Manitoba	1905
*E. A. Braithwaite	Manitoba	1905
*N. J. Lindsay	Alberta	1915
*R. S. Thornton	Manitoba	1925
*John Kain	Montana	1937
W. J. Dunlop	Canada in Ontario	1939
*J. J. Henderson	Manitoba	1940
S. H. Fahrni	Manitoba	1942
C. P. Seeley	Saskatchewan	1942
Chas. Davidson	Montana	1943
Douglas Fraser	Saskatchewan	1943
J. C. Brown	British Columbia	1944
S. J. A. Brannion	Saskatchewan	1944
Charles E. Coe	Montana	1944
*P. T. Pilkey	Manitoba	1945
J. C. Carter	Saskatchewan	1945
*R. B. Dargavel	Canada in Ontario	1946
M. Donovan	Manitoba	1946
F. C. Hayes	Saskatchewan	1946
Charles S. Hamilton	Canada in Ontario	1947
K. K. Reid	British Columbia	1947
*W. L. Klink	Saskatchewan	1947
George C. Derby	British Columbia	1947
W. C. McDonald	Manitoba	1948
Hector Mackay	Saskatchewan	1948
John Stormon	North Dakota	1948
*Wm. H. Moor	Saskatchewan	1950
H. Coddington	Manitoba	1950
F. C. Wilson	Saskatchewan	1950
H. B. Donnelly	Manitoba	1951
Chas. E. Cole	Manitoba	1951
J. H. N. Morgan	British Columbia	1951
Gail Huhn	Washington	1951
H. F. Auld	Saskatchewan	1951
S. G. Davis	Idaho	1951
H. W. Poteat	North Carolina	1951
Percy Doles	Montana	1951
G. McMorran	Manitoba	1952
R. R. McEwen	Saskatchewan	1952
C. C. Cohagen	Montana	1952
Rt. Rev. G. R. Calvert	Manitoba	1953
Guy Hummel	Saskatchewan	1953
Laurence Healey	British Columbia	1954
Leroy E. Matson	Minnesota	1954
Dr. John R. C. Evans	Manitoba	1954
Thos. C. Jackson	Manitoba	1954
R. L. Hanbidge	Saskatchewan	1954
Robert A. Tate	Saskatchewan	1954
Nelson C. Hart	Ontario	1955
R. E. Emmett	Manitoba	1955
J. B. Tomhave	Minnesota	1955

* Deceased

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

J. R. Yorke	Saskatchewan	1935
G. C. Hulett	North Dakota	1951
E. J. Franta	North Dakota	1952
John Graham	North Dakota	1953
W. A. Curran	British Columbia	1953
Merle Kidder	North Dakota	1955

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS

O. H. Nelson	British Columbia	1953
R. C. Hodsman	Saskatchewan	1955

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS

*R. G. Brett	Alberta	1926
*Jas. N. Rankin	Alberta	1927
*E. P. Withrow	Manitoba	1931
*Luther Hauberg	Montana	1937
J. C. Bowen	Alberta	1940
David Patterson	Alberta	1943
Chas. S. Elliott	New Jersey	1947
J. Russell Oliver	British Columbia	1955

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN

John B. Hubbard	Illinois	1952
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PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACON

*D. S. Fenton	British Columbia	1945
F. E. Van Demark	Montana	1951

PAST JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS

James Cook	British Columbia	1955
R. J. Esplen	British Columbia	1955

PAST HONORARY GRAND RANK

*J. H. G. Russell	Manitoba	1942
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PAST GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

Peter Ferguson	Scotland	1937
Frank W. Parry	Southampton, England	1948

* Deceased

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
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*Thos. McNabb	R. Patterson	R. Patterson	S. J. Blair	N. J. Lindsay	G. Macdonald, PGM	W. M. Connacher	*Rev. G. H. Webb
*R. Patterson	S. J. Blair	S. J. Blair	J. A. Jackson	N. J. Lindsay	G. Macdonald, PGM	*W. M. Connacher	Rev. Canon Stocken
*S. J. Blair	J. A. Jackson	J. A. Jackson	S. Y. Taylor	N. J. Lindsay	G. Macdonald, PGM	*T. M. Turnbull	*Rev. S. B. Hillocks
*J. A. Jackson	E. T. Bishop	E. T. Bishop	E. T. Bishop	N. J. Lindsay	G. Macdonald, PGM	M. M. Downey	Rev. Robt. Pearson
*S. Y. Taylor	W. M. Connacher	W. M. Connacher	W. M. Connacher	*N. J. Lindsay	G. Macdonald, PGM	J. Elliott	Rev. Canon Stocken
*E. T. Bishop	W. M. Connacher	W. J. Botterill	W. J. Botterill	S. J. Blair	G. Macdonald, PGM	*J. H. W. S. Kemmis	*Rev. Canon Stocken
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Geo. F. Ellis	F. P. Galbraith	R. J. Bradley	Wm. Ireland	A. J. Davis	*J. Kemmis, PGM	*W. T. Coote	Rev. J. W. House
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Harry E. Howard	W. H. Jackson	Peter Dawson	S. C. Heckbert	A. J. Davis	Geo. Moore, PGM	C. W. Lilley	Rev. W. H. Morgan
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S. Carl Heckbert	R. S. Sheppard	S. G. Bannan	D. D. McQueen	L. J. Rosling	E. H. Rivers	A. Black	Rev. W. H. Morgan
R. S. Sheppard	S. G. Bannan	D. D. McQueen	D. Little	L. J. Rosling	E. H. Rivers	E. G. Ellerton	Rev. W. H. Morgan

*Deceased.

List of Lodges by Masonic Districts

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. W. O. Toone (134)

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade	Banff
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane
No. 59	King George	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew	Calgary
U.D.	Foothills	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. G. A. Simpson (55)

No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. D. Helman (51)

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson	Edson
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park	Jasper
No. 166	Evergreen	Edmonton
No. 167	Temple	Edmonton
No. 168	Highlands	Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. F. F. Young (18)

No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey
No. 151	Locheearn	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. H. R. Lackey (43)

No.	37	Camrose	Camrose
No.	43	Tuscan	Killam
No.	50	Comet	Hardisty
No.	61	Provost	Provost
No.	62	Melrose	Bawlf
No.	75	Harmony	Sedgewick
No.	79	Morning Star	Lougheed
No.	80	Excelsior	Strome
No.	128	Forestburg	Forestburg
No.	135	Alliance	Alliance
No.	141	Efficiency	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. R. H. Townsend (33)

No.	17	Nanton	Nanton
No.	19	Cornerstone	High River
No.	22	Corinthian	Okotoks
No.	32	Cairo	Claresholm
No.	33	Stavely	Stavely
No.	40	Joppa	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. I. T. Hendry (4)

No.	4	North Star	Lethbridge
No.	31	Doric	Taber
No.	39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
No.	58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No.	65	Diamond City	Coalhurst
No.	67	Charity	Lethbridge
No.	100	Century	Milk River
No.	103	Foremost	Foremost
No.	119	York	Lethbridge
No.	157	Sharon	Picture Butte
No.	159	Lucerne	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. A. E. Graham (30)

No.	3	Alberta	Macleod
No.	6	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
No.	26	Sentinel	Hillcrest
No.	30	Summit	Coleman
No.	47	Chinook	Cowley
No.	86	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. W. A. Lamrock (72)

No. 27	Apollo	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Consort
No. 140	Big Valley	Rumsey

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. E. A. Meiklejohn (131)

No. 11	Acacia	Edmonton
No. 24	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's	St. Paul
No. 169	St. George's	Elk Point
No. 170	Avon Glen	Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. R. Kotkas (136)

No. 49	Robert Burns	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	Champion
No. 111	Nobleford	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	Barons
No. 172	Milo	Milo

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. W. M. Atkin (142)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt	Whitecourt

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. A. Richardson (147)

No. 88	Wahpun	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. F. G. Thompson (132)

No. 78	Hanna	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill	Delia
No. 104	Oyen	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek	Pollockville
No. 161	Empress	Empress

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. W. T. Paterson (66)

No. 60	Acme	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana	Irricana
No. 163	Ancient Landmark	Mirror

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. N. F. Watson (152)

No. 93	Symbol	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller	Drumheller
No. 152	Standard	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. F. Reishus (69)

No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic	Holden
No. 97	Albion	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton	Edgerton
No. 144	Gratton	Irma

DISTRICT No. 18

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. J. H. Jordan (54)

No. 23	Calgary	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen	Gleichen
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield
No. 53	Stathmore	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary
No. 124	Concord	Calgary
No. 165	Canada	Calgary
U.D.	Jubilee	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 19

D.D.G.M. — R.W. Bro. L. R. Lauder (164)

No. 13	Victoria	Fort Saskatchewan
No. 71	Tawatinaw	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 154	Waskatenau	Waskatenau
No. 164	Gateway	Edmonton
No. 171	Barrhead	Barrhead

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Grand Master's Representative — R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142)

No. 162	Yellowknife	Yellowknife, N.W.T.
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FOURTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF GRAND AND DISTRICT GRAND LODGES A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA

Held in Toronto, Ontario, February 17, 18, 19, 1955

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THE ATTITUDE OF GRAND LODGES TO ORGANIZATIONS
PREDICATING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CRAFT AND THE
EFFECT THAT SUCH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ON
CRAFT MASONRY

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"A discussion of the topic, 'The Attitude of Grand Lodges to Organizations predicated membership in the Craft and the effect that such organizations have on Craft Masonry,' is one in which Grand Lodges and their Officers must have considerable interest, especially in view of the present day influx of members into Craft Lodges and the similar rapid expansion of the organizations referred to above. It is no doubt largely due to the existing economic situation that our Grand Lodges are faced with a major problem in an endeavour to retain an interested membership in the Craft Lodge and to halt the use of the Craft Lodge as a medium for advancement to what are sometimes referred to as the 'higher' degrees of Masonry.

I wonder, Brother Chairman, if we might not be well advised to discuss the topic in reverse order, that is to say, to first of all endeavour to arrive at some conclusion as to the effect the organizations in question have had or are having on Craft Masonry, and, on reaching such conclusion, if we might not be enabled, through a thorough and thoughtful approach, to come to some degree of unanimity as regards the attitude which Grand Lodges should maintain towards the organizations, or, in other words to reach a decision as to just what might be done to counteract the effect upon the Craft Lodge, should it be decided that the effect is not a beneficial one.

It may be quite generally accepted, I believe, that there is no established desire on the part of any Masonic organization to infringe upon the rights of any other group within the Masonic orbit, nor is it understandable that any one of the organizations which we have in mind would seek to break down the fabric of the Craft Lodge merely to forward its own ends.

It is established that several organizations predicate **initial** membership in the Craft Lodge as a prerequisite to enrolment in their membership. It is not so evident, however, that **sustained** membership in the Craft Lodge is required for membership in other organizations, and if such is the case then surely a grave danger to Craft Masonry does exist. I am advised that in at least one Grand Jurisdiction in Canada it is within the bounds of possibility for a man to retain membership in one of the so-called 'higher' organizations even though he has ceased to be a member of a Craft Lodge, provided that he has ceased to be a member of the Craft Lodge only by reason of non-payment of dues. Such a condition would indicate an extreme of the most significant character and could no doubt be resolved by negotiation between the appropriate Officer of the Grand Lodge and the organization concerned.

There is ample evidence that supposedly 'higher' organizations draw from the active membership of the Craft Lodge. In one western town, with which I am familiar, there is an active Craft Lodge which enjoys a usual monthly attendance of some forty percent of the total membership. In the same town there is a Royal Arch Chapter, holding regular monthly meetings attended by approximately twenty members, and while I have no quarrel whatever with the Royal Arch Chapter, of which I am privileged to be a member, there would appear to be some justification for the belief, among members of the Chapter as well as the Craft Lodge, that the General Masonic life of this community would be greatly strengthened

if the twenty members ordinarily attending the Chapter (and seldom attending the Craft Lodge meetings) were to add their combined strength to the work of the Craft Lodge.

It is my understanding that the Grand Lodge of Montana some years ago endeavoured to correct a somewhat similar situation by the imposition of restrictions, but as these restrictions failed to bring about the desired result they were withdrawn within a comparatively short time. With this experience in mind it would appear that Grand Lodge enactment might well be replaced by an understanding discussion between the groups principally concerned.

Concern is expressed, from time to time, in connection with the unusual increase in membership which holds such a dominating position in Masonic organizations at the present time; doubtless this is due in large measure to the availability of funds in the hands of so many of our citizens, by means of which they are quite free to gratify the ambition, inherent or created, to advance with unusual rapidity through the Craft Lodge to the so-called 'higher' degrees. There are many known cases where the newly made member of the Craft Lodge has been urged, perhaps by an over-zealous Brother, to 'advance' in Masonry, even before he has had an opportunity to develop any reasonable understanding or appreciation of the real meaning of the Masonic philosophy as presented to him in the Craft degrees.

It is but natural to assume that the newly raised Master Mason might well feel flattered by repeated invitations to 'advance' and that it would be comparatively easy for him to proceed further to what he is led to believe to be the 'higher' degrees of his chosen 'secret' organization, little realizing that Craft Masonry contains much of the essence of the truths that are available to him through a thoughtful study of the fundamentals of the Order, and that no matter how much 'progress' may be involved in the acquisition of additional degrees, there is surely some limit to the further knowledge he may acquire which will effectively embellish the essentially sound principles on which Freemasonry rests.

The cumulative effect of a presently widespread movement to obtain recruits in organizations predicated membership in the Craft Lodge is to weaken the structure of the Craft Lodge by drawing from its numbers, by dividing interests and by depriving it of strength that would normally accrue to it by the retention of an interested membership of sound individuals who would, in the ordinary course of events, utilize their membership for the purpose of study of the sacred tenets which form the foundation of basic Freemasonry and confine their efforts largely to making a worthwhile contribution to the force of the Craft Lodge in the community.

It is difficult to realize the extent to which our Craft Lodges may suffer by reason of the apparent deflection, so soon after becoming members of the Craft, of many of our younger men. Sometimes we wonder just what potentialities have been lost to our great country by the untimely passing of our hundred thousand dead of two titanic wars and, similarly, we might well, on occasion, endeavour to evaluate the great loss to Craft Masonry through the far too early 'advancement' of members who accept the too freely given invitation to proceed beyond the three basic degrees of Craft Masonry, without having devoted any reasonable time or energy to becoming properly and adequately acquainted with the fundamentals of the Craft Lodge.

Too great blame should not attach to newly made members of the Craft Lodge who, by reason of pressure brought to bear upon them, wrongly obtain the impression that once they have obtained the Sublime

Degree of a Master Mason they have advanced to a point where they have reached the ultimate, so far as the lessons of the Craft Lodge are concerned and that if they are to 'progress' in Masonic knowledge they must proceed, without delay, to seek membership in the allegedly 'higher' degrees of one organization or another.

Accepting for the moment the thought that certain individuals apply for membership in the Craft Lodge wholly and solely as a means of gaining admission to one or another of the 'higher' organizations, it is my firm conviction that the percentage of the total is extremely small and it is greatly to be regretted that the number is apparently augmented by many who are, perhaps quite unwittingly, led away from active participation in the Craft Lodge by the undue solicitation of those who find enjoyment in what might be considered the more colorful field of some of the organizations which demand at least temporary membership in the Craft Lodge before their privileges can be opened to the candidate.

Craft Masonry doubtless has suffered and is suffering by reason of over enthusiasm on the part of a limited number of those who have become interested in the extension of membership in organizations which predicate membership in the Craft Lodge and any effort to correct the situation is one that requires thoughtful and sincere consideration on the part of leaders of the Craft. It must be considered significant that during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1954 at least two Worshipful Masters of Constituent Lodges absented themselves from the Communication and, instead, were in attendance at a meeting of an organization which predicates Craft Lodge membership, despite the quite obvious obligations accepted by them when entrusted with the important office of Worshipful Master. While this may represent an extreme case it may be considered to be indicative of a trend which might appear to demand forthright remedial action.

The attitude of the Grand Lodge to the organization cited in this instance and to others which cause, perhaps without intention, deflection from the ranks of the Craft Lodge should be such as would be expected to ameliorate, rather than aggravate, the situation. There should be no disposition to permit the thin edge of the wedge of mistrust or disaffection to enter the heretofore pleasant and mutually acceptable relations of Masonic bodies and certainly any approach made with a view to bridging the gap which may have been created, should be made with the utmost sincerity and understanding. The Grand Lodge can ill afford to fail to acknowledge the high principles which have for so long dominated the organizations which seek the adherence of members of Craft Lodges in order to further their great work.

In any endeavour towards reciprocal and amicable development of happy relations for the future, not all of the blame for existing conditions should be ascribed to the organizations other than the Craft Lodge. It might be well for us to carefully scrutinize the Craft Lodge for weaknesses through which they fail to retain their membership and sustain whole-hearted interest. Inefficient presentation of the ritual to the enquiring mind of the initiate, evasive replies to sincere queries, inadequate or uninformed methods of conducting the business of the Lodge, all may have a bearing on the continued interest of those who logically look to the Master and his Officers for guidance and instruction. Failure to provide effective administration in every sense of the word may well be charged as one of the basic reasons for the loss of membership to organizations which welcome additional members with open arms.

As an indication that the matter of the division of interest is in the minds of thinking Masons generally, I take the liberty of quoting from

a letter received a few months ago from Brother Frank J. Land, Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, in which he said, in part . . . "I am dedicating my administration as Imperial Potentate to the major goal of seeking to influence and bring the Shrine of North America closer to Craft Masonry. I believe that it is only through an intensive educational programme within the Shrine itself that we can encourage each and every Shriner to perform some outright service in . . . or for . . . Craft Masonry."

It is quite clear from the context of this letter that the Imperial Potentate for North America is concerned regarding relations between the organization which he temporarily directs and Craft Masonry and it may be safe to assume that if this undoubtedly great mind is so concerned, that many others are likewise desirous of creating and maintaining brotherly relations between members of the Craft Lodges and the organizations predicated membership therein; such being the case, there would appear to be reasonable expectation that an approach to the difficult question with a positive and sympathetic desire for improvement in the situation, as it affects Craft Masonry, might be expected to result in major improvement, and that, in due course, those who perhaps quite unconsciously offend in the matter of seeking to draw members of Craft Lodges to other organizations, at a time when the member of the Craft Lodge is the least qualified to offer any reasonable resistance to repeated and ill-advised solicitation, could assist in finding a happy and permanent solution to the problem.

May I repeat, Brother Chairman, that I cannot subscribe to the belief that any organization predicated membership in the Craft Lodge would knowingly and deliberately seek to weaken the structure of Craft Masonry by enticing members from their affiliation with the Craft Lodge. I do believe that a broader understanding and a studied appreciation of the difficulties, enhanced as they may be by undue solicitation or ill-advised encouragement to the newly made Mason, might well be conducive to overcoming a situation with which we are not at all happy and in which there is doubtless considerable room for improvement.

While it may be considered possible that Masonic legislation or enactment might be brought into being to curb disaffection, thoughtless though it may be, and that a Grand Lodge might rule through the present provisions of the Constitution or amendments thereto, that a new member must subscribe to some form of obligation providing that he would not proceed to any degree 'higher' than that of the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason within a time specified by such rule, or until he has satisfied certain demands of understanding and knowledge of the great principles involved in the teachings of Craft Masonry, it would seem that a solution of much happier nature might result from discussions and negotiations which might be initiated by the Grand Lodge, always having in mind that any approach to this vexatious question should be made in the spirit of brotherly love, so well exemplified through all the great teachings of Freemasonry.

All of which is submitted, Most Worshipful Sir, as the basis for discussion by this gathering, in hope and in confidence that the combined thought of this All-Canada Conference may result only in complete subjugation of any ill feeling that may have existed, exists now, or may exist in the future, between the Grand Lodge, its Craft Lodge affiliate and those Masonic organizations which have for their chief aim, the altruistic and wholly desirable aim, the extension over the face of the earth the spirit of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY**By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada**

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (d) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

PROCEEDINGS OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS

The receipt, between April 1st, 1955 and March 31st, 1956 of the Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, is gratefully acknowledged:

England	Ireland	Scotland
British Columbia	Canada in Ontario	Manitoba
New Brunswick	Newfoundland (Eng.)	Nova Scotia
Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan
New South Wales	New Zealand	South Australia
Tasmania	Victoria	Alabama
Arizona	California	Colorado
Connecticut	Delaware	Dist. of Columbia
Florida	Georgia	Idaho
Illinois	Indiana	Iowa
Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana
Maine	Maryland	Massachussetts
Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi
Missouri	Montana	Nebraska
Nevada	New Hampshire	New Jersey
New Mexico	New York	North Dakota
Ohio	Oklahoma	Oregon
Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Carolina
South Dakota	Tennessee	Utah
Vermont	West Virginia	Wisconsin
Wyoming	Argentina	Iceland
Mexico (York)	Netherlands	Norway
Phillipines	Rio de Janeiro	



REVIEWS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS

This is the first time this reviewer has attempted to do the reviews of all the Jurisdictions all over the world. It is an education in itself. In one respect it might be a good idea to pass this on to different ones every year or two so that as many as possible could get the whole sweep of what Masonry is doing all over the world. One sees that what seem to be peculiar problems in one's own lodge or jurisdiction, are the problems of all, and it is a big help to find out how these problems are being attacked in different ways by different people. For this reason it cannot be too strongly emphasised that much more use should be made of the Proceedings of each one's own Jurisdiction, especially the reviews. If Masonry is to fulfill its purpose it can only be by its members, all of them, getting a clearer picture of what it is all about.

In this general introduction there are many questions which are common to Masonry, wherever it exists, and they are the problems which will be touched upon here.

One cannot read an address of a Grand Master, Grand Orator or a prominent brother speaking at a banquet without being warned about the danger of making too many members. While all are glad to see our Order growing everywhere, there is always a great danger that we are too intent on increasing our membership but not the quality of it. For this reason it is stressed over and over again that investigating committees should be much more careful in their duties. As one speaker said, it is not enough to think that because two brothers have signed a petition, therefore a man must be all right as a candidate. The committee should satisfy themselves from his social, business and family background that a man is a fit and proper person to be made a Mason. In some places the three members of the committee are not known to each other, and each has to make a separate report. This system has its merits. Any idea that will tend to screen more thoroughly all prospective material will be all to the good.

But it is not enough just to see to it that we get the right type of men into our Lodges. What are we going to do with them when we have them? Are we going to let them sit on the side night after night till they get tired of it all and gradually stop coming to meetings? Many different suggestions are made to overcome this tendency. From the British Isles, Australia and many parts of the United States we hear that our meetings last too long. When members often have a long way to travel to get home, and have to be up betimes to get to work next day, they don't want to be kept till after midnight each Lodge meeting. How often do we see our brethren going home immediately the Lodge is closed, and missing the social hour together, which is one of the highlights of our meetings! Masters are asked, everywhere, to plan their meetings more carefully, so that they can close at a reasonable hour.

Then, too, it is stressed over and over again that it is not by any means enough just to give a brother his third degree, and then leave him with the idea that that is all. It is not even enough to see to it that he passes his examination. He must be taught what it is all about. Some Jurisdictions make the sponsors responsible for imparting this knowledge and shepherding their candidate for some time, or at least till he gets some idea of what Masonry is. But, even with this help it is realised that it is not enough and more instruction is needed.

To meet this need Masonic Education is needed. So in many jurisdictions officers are appointed in Grand Lodge who are full time appointees and paid. They appoint men in each district whose task it is to further

Masonic Education. This is done by lectures, discussion groups, and the provision of literature. Some Jurisdictions have the 'Mentor Plan.' This is that some well-skilled brother, or brethren, are responsible for the instructions of all new members. Some Jurisdictions have District Meetings, where papers will be read, followed by a discussion period. All over the world efforts are being made that members are able to get what they asked for at their initiation—more light in Masonry.

In the American Jurisdictions much stress is laid on proficiency in the work. Inspectors are appointed whose job it is to see that in all lodges in a Jurisdiction there are members trained to see that the work is put on perfectly and without any even slight variations. In their annual reports are listed the names of those members all over the State who have received Proficiency Certificates. This means that a member may visit any lodge in his own Jurisdiction and find the work done in exactly the same way as in his own. This makes for greater dignity and solemnity in putting on the degrees, and is all to the good. There is only one great danger in this, and it is well recognised. This is that proficiency and exactitude may become the only thing that is emphasised. This must go hand in hand with Education. No matter how well a degree may be put on if the candidate doesn't know what it is all about it doesn't do him much good. There is always the danger that the emphasis may be on ritualistic perfection, and on nothing else, and good Masons are not made that way.

It is interesting to see how much emphasis is put on Religion in one Jurisdiction after another. It is emphasised over and over again that Masonry is not a religion, although many, even members, seem to treat it as such. Over and over again Grand Masters warn their members that Masonry is to train men to take their place in the active work of the Church of their choice. Many suggest frequent Church parades. In most Grand Lodges each session of Grand Lodge is opened and closed with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, continually keeping before all members their dependence on the Most High in all their undertakings. With this same idea in mind members everywhere are urged to take the lessons learned in the Lodge out into the community, that men see that Masonry is meant to train men to be leaders in all that makes for good in every area when men meet.

One of the great problems that meets Jurisdictions, particularly in the United States is their Homes. Many Jurisdictions are being faced with large expenditure to keep them up. With Government providing so much Social Security the Grand Lodges are finding that their Homes are more and more needing infirmaries. The guests are becoming those who, while financially may be able to get along, need hospitalization. Thus there is the need to enlarge their buildings to take care of them. This also means more expense in upkeep. More nurses and doctors are needed. In some Childrens' Homes too they are finding that they have accommodation for more children than they have, and are opening their doors to children of non-Masons. With Governments becoming more and more paternalistic this problem will in all probability increase.

In this problem there seems to be involved another. When charitable and benevolent work is financed to a large extent by Grand Lodge dues, which in turn are included in Lodge dues, do the individual members realize that they are practicing that great virtue which is inculcated in the first degree. In this respect it is amazing to see the amounts that are contributed directly by the members in the British and Australian Lodges. It is often easy to point to a fine physical plant with pride in what an organization is doing without taking personal part in it except to pay a

few dollars a year in lodge dues. Charity is Love and that is what we all need in much greater measure.

So we get a very brief look at what Masonry is doing. There is much more that could be said, of its growth, of its influence and in some countries of its struggles to keep alive against hostile forces, as in the Phillipines and some South American countries. If what has been said will inspire some of the members of this Jurisdiction to greater effort in their Masonry, the effort will be worthwhile.

Faternally submitted

W. H. MORGAN

Grand Chaplain

ENGLAND

M.W. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Scarbrough, G. M.

The Grand Lodge of England meets quarterly in March, June, September and December. The Annual Investiture was held on April 27th, 1955.

The Grand Lodge during 1955 dispensed in relief the grand sum of £41,230.

At the end of 1954 the number of Lodges under the Grand Jurisdiction of England was 6,640, this includes 789 Lodges outside of England.

The Grand Master announced that only one Lodge was now functioning in China and he reluctantly had to dissolve the Inspectorate in China.

At the September meeting R.W. Bro. Sir Allen Adair gave a brief account of his visit to Canada in June for the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. While on this side of the Atlantic he also visited the two Lodges in Montreal which are under the English Jurisdiction. On the way home he also visited in Boston and New York.

At the December meeting a great deal of time was taken up with a motion to amend the Constitution to allow more occasions on which Grand Lodge officers might wear full dress regalia. The amendment was lost.

The Assistant Grand Master gave a much fuller account of his visit to Canada and the United States. In spite of the heat and much time spent travelling he had a pleasant and profitable visit.

IRELAND

M.W. Raymond F. Brooke, G. M.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland publishes an Annual Report which covers reports from provincial Grand Lodges. There are thirteen in Ireland proper, one in New Zealand, four in South Africa and an Inspectorate in Hong Kong. There are no figures given of the total number of Lodges, or the number of members in this for flung jurisdiction, but all Provincial Grand Masters report that the craft is flourishing in all Provinces. The Provincial Grand Master of Antrim reports good progress in building the new Masonic Hall in Belfast, and new halls in three other towns. In the past twenty one years the Province of Down Charity Committees have collected the enormous sum of £307,738. This sum was for the support of the two Schools run by the Grand Lodge.

During the year the sum of £1,703 was paid out in annuities.

R. W. the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore was appointed by the Grand Master to represent him and the Grand Lodge at the centennial Celebrations of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and gave a report of his visit. He drew attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was the first of the Old Country Grand Lodges to recognise the first Grand Lodge in Canada.

SCOTLAND

Rt. Hon. Lord MacDonald, Most Worshipful Grand Master
Lodges within Scotland 610 — Lodges Overseas 351.

Grand Lodge meets in quarterly Communications on 3rd February, 5th May, 4th August and 3rd November. For Installation of Officers and the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew on 30th November.

At the February Communication Bro. Dr. R. Bruce Brannon, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was present, and brought greetings from his Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master read a report of his visit to the Netherlands and Belgium.

He visited both the Scottish Lodges and the Grand Lodge of the East of the Netherlands, and felt that his visit had done much to cement the excellent relations which exist between the Dutch Grand Lodge and themselves.

In the report of the Grand Committee held in April the Annual statement of the amount contributed by subordinate Lodges between 1st April 1954 and 31st March 1955 totaled £17,722/1/8.

At the quarterly Communication on 4th August M.W. G. F. Ellis, one of our own Past Grand Masters was present and brought greetings from our Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master gave a report of his visit to Newfoundland and the Centenary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. He reported a very profitable, but tiring trip. It was an inspiration to meet representatives from Jurisdictions all over the world. Like all who attended this celebration he felt the heat.

At the quarterly meeting on 3rd November the Grand Master welcomed Bro. the Honorable Justice Sir K. A. Korsah, their District Grand Master of the Gold Coast. In his reply he brought greetings from West Africa, and told how Freemasonry was bringing together natives and whites, who could all meet together in Lodge as brothers. Masonry was growing on the Gold Coast, even reaching out to the far interior.

Brother Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, P. G. M. reported on his visit to Australia and New Zealand, not an official visit, but one where he met with brethren of all Jurisdictions working there. He brought back with him many pleasant recollections of a very keen and loyal fraternity.

At the Annual Communication on November 30th the Grand Officers were installed, later on the Celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew was held. The Grand Master in replying to the toast to Grand Lodge mentioned three points that impressed him on his visit to Canada and the United States. First the wonderfully high standard of Lodge Room accommodation in Newfoundland, even in the smallest lodges. Second, he did not

suppose that Freemasonry in Canada and the United States has ever stood so high in public estimation as it does today, and thirdly the tremendous esteem in which their Grand Secretary is held.

The total amount dispensed by their Fund of benevolence, Annuity Fund, Orphan Annuity Fund, Emergency Relief and Special Benevolent Funds amounted to the sum of slightly over 31,000 pounds.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

84th Annual Communication Prince Rupert, 23rd and 24th June 1955

M. W. Karl S. Warwick, G. M.

146 Lodges, 9 U. D. — Members 23,445 — Net Gain 957.

5 Lodges Constituted and 6 Instituted.

Grand Lodge paid out \$11,303.07 and the Constituent Lodges disbursed \$19,849.52 for relief.

It was reported that the Masonic Bulletin was supported 100% by the Constituent Lodges.

A great deal of time was taken up with the report of the Committee on the Work as done by the Lodges using the "Canadian" Rite. The report is still subject to revision.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

100th Annual Communication Toronto July 18th 1955

M. W. Joseph A. Hearn, G. M.

596 Lodges — 130,177 Members — Net Gain 1,825

A great Service of Thanksgiving was held in the Grand Stand of the Canadian National Exhibition Park on Sunday July 17th to give thanks for one hundred years of the Grand Lodge in Ontario. Over 29,000 members and their friends attended. There was a choir of almost 200 voices. Those who were there tell what an impressive service it was. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. Harold Young, M.A., D.D. The complete text of his address is printed as an appendix to the proceedings and is well worth reading.

The Annual Communication opened the next morning with 3812 delegates registered. The distinguished guests came from Great Britain, Canada, the United States and from as far away as Australia.

It must have been a proud moment for the Grand Master when he rose to give his address and review his work during the past year. Some of the things mentioned are worth particular mention. During the year Grand Lodge donated;

\$5,000.00	— Ontario Hurricane Relief Fund
1,000.00	— Canadian Red Cross Society
500.00	— Canadian National Institute for the Blind
500.00	— Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal
500.00	— Boy Scouts-Ontario Division

He had to deal privately with a few Worshipful Masters who, in spite of their subscription to the Ancient Charges brought in innovations of

their own, and served notice that Grand Lodge will not countenance any deviation from the manner laid down.

The Committee on Benevolence reported total grants of \$95,695.61.

MANITOBA

80th Annual Communication

Winnipeg, June 1st 1955

M. W. John R. C. Evans, G. M.

115 Lodges — 15,547 Members — Net Gain 371

The Grand Master closed his report on his year's activities with these words: "Life piled on life were all too little to accomplish what needs to be done . . . Therefore, figuratively let us gird our loins as we continue to climb the great mountain of Masonic truth. And in order that we may more effectively press on toward the summit, let us rededicate ourselves to the Obligations we have taken. Thus in greater strength may we serve our day and generation to the honor of Freemasonry and to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe who, having established Creation and perfected it thus far, may even now eagerly be awaiting our co-operation to crown it with the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. I wonder!"

"As I have often said, Brethren, in principal Masonry is a grand, grand thing, but in practice it can be nothing more than we make it."

During the proceedings the Grand Master of Minnesota presented to the Grand Lodge the original petition for Dispensation to form a new Lodge in the Red River Settlement, Rupert's Land, to be named Northern Light Lodge. This was dated 27th April, 1864. This was the first Lodge working in Western Canada.

Manitoba has a Committee on Research and Education which is beginning to function. It had held two area meetings of instruction. It is working out the Mentor Plan for the instruction of new members, and has made up 'Book Kits' but the demand exceeds the supply. This is a good sign.

The Committee on Benevolence reported the sum of \$15,193.48 paid out to 55 Beneficiaries.

NEW BRUNSWICK

88th Annual Communication

St. John May 26th, 1955

M. W. Ralph Titus Pearson, G. M.

46 Lodges — 8,885 Members — Net Gain 151

The Grand Master was one of the chorus decrying large Lodges, and emphasized quality rather than quantity. "An ideal Lodge membership would be from 150 - 200."

The Committee on Benevolence received and approved several petitions and distributed \$1,600.00.

NEWFOUNDLAND E.C.**R. W. George R. Williams, D.G.M.****18 Lodges — 2,178 Members — Net Gain 42**

There was a special Communication of the District Grand Lodge at St. Johns on April 9th, 1954, called to meet R. W. Sir Sydney A. White, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England. This was the First visit of a Grand Secretary to the District Grand Lodge. The Communication was called at the end of a tour of the subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary had arrived on July 7th and had been royally entertained all over the Island.

The Semi-Annual Communication was held on November 29th, 1954 at St. John, at which the District Grand Master gave a detailed account of his labours for the preceding six months.

The 84th Annual Communication was held on April 27th 1955, at St. Johns. Again the District Grand Master gave a full account of his work, which is factual. The Board of Benevolence reported that they had on hand the sum of \$1,009.53 and had no call for help.

NOVA SCOTIA**90th Annual Communication****Halifax, June 15th 1955****M. W. J. S. Munro, G. M.****110 Lodges — 14,356 Members — Net Gain 218.**

After the formalities of opening Grand Lodge and reception of visitors, Nova Scotia began its proceedings with Divine Service, conducted by the Grand Chaplain, lasting till the noon recess.

The Grand Master, during his year, had the unique pleasure of raising his three sons to the sublime degree, when he paid his official visit to his Mother Lodge. The Grand Master concluded the report of his year's activities with these words: "choose ye this day — God or Mammon. So let us do our duty while the opportunity offers, doing it spiritually, manfully and outstandingly. The world must know, without a doubt, that a Brother Mason is a man who reveres God and loves his fellow-man, unselfishly. Our lives should be an example for all to emulate, else we shall miss putting into practice our great teachings. So let us choose today — God NOT Mammon."

Nova Scotia is the only Jurisdiction in Canada which has a Masonic Home. In spite of a large increase in the Endowment Fund, and the per capita assessment on all members, the Home has been run at a loss for several years. The sum of \$791.64 was paid out during the year on casual relief.

Efforts are being made to develop definite and regular Educational work in the constituent Lodges, and also to get all Lodges to keep up their histories.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**80th Annual Communication****Charlottetown June 22nd 1955****M. W. Malcolm MacKenzie, G. M.**

16 Lodges — 1417 Members — Net Gain 38.

The Grand Master stated "This is, indeed, a world that offers a challenge to Freemasonry. You and I, of course, cannot individually make over the world, but millions of Masons who are alert to the needs and truth of life can, and must, contribute to that task. Masonry's contribution in these troubled times will be measured by the way each of us lives his life . . . Our strength lies in the assurance of our faith that a just and beneficent God reigns over all."

The Board of Benevolence disbursed \$625.00

QUEBEC**85th Annual Communication****Montreal, June 2nd, 1955****M. W. D. L. Witter, G. M.**

103 Lodges — 17,808 Members — Net Gain 176

The Grand Master emphasized the need of active Masonry: "The very foundation of our civilization, as does our Order, rests on belief in the existence of a Great Architect of the Universe, but we cannot retain our civilization by simply believing this fact; we must practice its teachings and make the wholesomeness of our lives so attractive that they will draw men and nations to us by magnetic force." He says that he thinks there are three things that make for lack of interest in a lodge: Improper investigation of applicant, overly-large Lodges, too many degrees; too late meetings.

From the Permanent Benevolent Fund the sum of \$7,168.91 was disbursed in grants, and from the Emergencies Benevolent Fund grants to Lodges amounted to \$2,452.75 and \$875.00 was contributed to six hospitals.

SASKATCHEWAN**49th Annual Communication****Regina, June 15th, 1955****M. W. R. E. Partridge, G. M.**

204 Lodges — 17,546 Members — Net Gain 127.

The Grand Master in his address said "We should remember that Masonry's strength does not come from a few lodges with large membership and ample finances, but rather from many lodges, many small, but close to the hearts and homes of our people and all imbued with that spirit of unity which springs from Brotherhood." Anyone who has had experience in small rural lodges knows how true this is.

The Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund paid out for assistance during the year the sum of \$20,605.10, and the Benefit Fund \$1,840.00.

The Grand Lodge has a Committee on Freemasonry and Youth, which among other things arranged 18 broadcasts from Prince Albert during the past winter. They were very well received, so much so that over 500 copies of the talks were mailed out. This well worthwhile task is to be of

help in training the youth of a heterogeneous Province in the highest ideals of citizenship.

From September 1954 to July 1955, inclusive, a series of papers was sent out by the Committee on Masonic Education. The subjects are dealt with simply and should be of great help to anyone wanting to give a short talk at any lodge meeting. Any Alberta Mason who wants to get some information should borrow the copy of Saskatchewan proceedings from our Grand Lodge Library.

NEW SOUTH WALES

M. W. Sir John Northcott, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., G.M.

832 Lodges — Members 130,565 — Net Gain 1,472

This Grand Jurisdiction held quarterly Communications during this year on September 8th, December 8th, 1954, March 9th and June 8th 1955. As well there were two special Communications on July 28th 1954, and June 6th 1955. The first for the Proclamation of the Grand Master and investiture of Grand Lodge Officers, and the latter for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master, after his Proclamation said among many other things "The active example of members of the Craft, each in their own community and whatever may be their calling, can do a great deal to influence our fellow-Australians. Every Mason should, therefore, play an active part outside his Lodge in the welfare and spiritual guidance of his fellow-citizens, particularly the younger generation, by precepts and example, so that they, in their turn, may become worthy citizens of the future and inherit our glorious tradition." He, like so many others warned about being satisfied with mere numbers in the Lodges. Again he says, "Masonry is not just a monthly gathering of men to recite certain ritual in the Temple and then adjourn for a happy and fraternal 'get together' in the South. Freemasonry is a noble work and worthy of our best endeavours."

The amount of Benevolence for the year was £15,604/10/0. Besides this the sum of £1,964/13/7 was voluntarily contributed to the appeal made for restoration work on Westminster Abbey.

NEW ZEALAND

65th Annual Communication

17th November 1954

M. W. Clifford S. Thompson, G. M.

377 Lodges — 42,215 Members — Net Gain 984

The Grand Lodge paid out £10,780 in annuities and £1,330 in benevolence.

Plans are being made for the building of a new Grand Lodge Temple.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Half Yearly Communication

October 20th, 1954

M. W. The Hon. Sir Geoffrey Reed, G.M.

188 Lodges — 24,204 Members — Net Gain 709

The report of the Board of General purposes showed that annuities aggregating £624 per annum are being paid in respect of three widows and

five dependent children from the War Relief Fund. They also have twelve scholarships of £50 per year, allotted to children between the ages of 10 and 18 years inclusive.

During the half year one Lodge was consecrated and two Temples were dedicated.

In the course of his address the Grand Master drew attention to the exhortation to the Entered apprentice that he should make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. "It is not only to such brethren that the appeal is made. It is made to every Craftsman . . . the aspirations of man to improve condition and to lead a nobler life still persists . . . It will be to our great profit if we study the history of Freemasonry and its development, and ponder the lessons to be learned from information thus acquired. Lectures in Lodges are a very useful medium."

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, April 20th, 1955.

During 1954 Grand Lodge distributed £6,537/6/6 for the relief of members and widows and families of deceased members.

At their Christmas party gifts from the Christmas Cheer Fund were made in the amount of £2/10 to each annuitant or tenant and £1/5 to each dependent. In reporting this the Grand Master drew attention to the fact that Charity consisted not only in material things but also in the daily exemplification of brotherly love.

TASMANIA

66 Lodges — 7,896 Members — Net Gain (6 months) 107

M. W. R. P. Furmage, G. M.

The half-yearly Communication was held in Hobart, August 27th, 1955. The half-yearly report of the Board of Benevolence reported that relief had been extended to Masons in distressed circumstances their widows and children, to the extent of £1,208/10/10 for the period under review. In all 26 widows and dependents of deceased Masons and 6 Brethren received assistance.

Lodges have subscribed £554/9/9 and the Grand Lodge donated £500 to the New South Wales Flood Relief Fund to assist Masons and their families who have suffered from floods.

One Lodge was consecrated and one chartered.

At the consecration of "Gill Memorial Lodge" a very fine oration was given by R. W. Bro. Harold Ralph. He spoke on Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The following quotations will give some idea of his thoughts. "Brotherly Love is not a mere sentimental and emotional thing which is to be found in the expression of mere words. It is the power by which relationship between Masons is inspired and guided." "Relief must go on and grow with the growing years. Not that we should have only pride in the money we give away and in the homes we build, but rather we should have pride in the lives which have been brightened, and in our having helped to give brother Masons a happy ending to their human lives." "Unless we can share the problems of our Brethren, and strive to lighten their lives with some true friendly help and brotherliness, then we are just playing with principle of Relief." "Truth is something living and active, for it is ever seeking to be expressed in terms of action, saying or doing."

ARIZONA**73rd Annual Communication****Tempe April 25th, 1955****M. W. Louis S. Neeb, G.M.**

46 Lodges, 2 U.D. — 10,236 Members — Net Gain 417

In the course of his address the Grand Orator states "One of the early things learned in a Masonic career is that when the lodge meets, it is at labor — the Charter of a Lodge empowers it to do Masonic work — he must be proficient in the work of each degree before he assumes the responsibility of the next. Certain duties are imposed upon him. He must earn his wages. In short, learning the symbols and their connections and relations to human endeavor, means work. This embraces the whole of Man's Life — social, private, political, and economic. This is a large undertaking which is all too often given slight attention, and his life as a Mason is, to say the least, ineffective."

The sum of \$1392.00 was expended for Relief.

CALIFORNIA**106th Annual****San Francisco, October 24th, 1955****M. W. Henry C. Clausen, G.M.**

653 Lodges, 20 U.D. — 224,887 Members of whom 2,433 registered

The Grand Master said among other things "The foundations of Masonry must be sound. As we demonstrate Masonry in our lives, so we will be judged by the world." He spoke of the small attendance at lodge meetings, and suggested that one reason for this was the lateness of closing.

The Grand Lodge maintains 18 Boards of Relief, 7 of these have employment bureaux. Also 7 operate Masonic Blood Banks. The amount advanced for relief amounted to \$54,325.59. Through the Employment Bureaux 2,731 were placed in employment.

The Masonic Funeral Service for the Jurisdiction was revised.

A highlight of the Grand Lodge meeting was when Lodge was adjourned to attend the ceremonies when the Grand Master turned the sod for their new Masonic Temple which is to cost over \$2,000,000.00.

COLORADO**94th Annual Communication****Denver, January 25th, 1955****M. W. Donald A. Shaw, G. M.**

157 Lodges, 1 U.D. — 44,946 Members — Net Gain 834

The Grand Master notes the tremendous growth of the state and consequent growth in Masonry. He thinks, as do many others, that there is too much making of members, and not making Masons. He recommends more and smaller Lodges.

The Grand Orator drew attention to small attendance at Lodges, and pointed out that one way to bring members out was by education.

The amount paid out for relief was \$32,049.86 for 37 cases.

CONNECTICUT

106th Annual Communication **New Haven, April 6th and 7th, 1955**

M. W. Thom W. Corby, G.M.

130 Lodges, 2 U.D. — 47,026 members — Net Gain 550

The Grand Master in his address recommended that a \$25.00 fine be imposed on any subordinate Lodge that was unrepresented at Grand Lodge, unless it had been previously excused. This suggestion was approved by Grand Lodge, with the addition that the Worshipful Master of such a Lodge shall be guilty of neglect and subject to Masonic discipline. One wonders how far this will be carried out, and what the result would be if other jurisdictions had the same regulation, including our own.

DELAWARE

149th Annual Communication **Wilmington, October 6th, 1954**

M. W. Francis W. Hukill, G.M.

23 Lodges — 7,656 members — Net Gain 224

The Grand Master gives a bare factual report for the year, and all committee reports are just factual. The reviews are given under topical headings, and quotations are kept to a minimum. Result—whole proceedings are kept to 150 pages at a considerable financial saving.

DELAWARE

150th Annual Communication **Wilmington, October 5th, 1955**

M. W. Horace S. Alleh, Jr., G. M.

24 Lodges — 7,877 Members — Net Gain 219

The Committee appointed presented its report on the arrangements made for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary to be held on September 30th and October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1956.

A very interesting account of the life of Victor Marie Dupont, a Mason and one of the original members of the family that founded the great family business in Delaware.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

M. W. Frederic B. Blackburn, G.M.

144th Annual Communication **December 15th, 1954**

48 Lodges — Net Loss 53.

The Grand Master pointed to the net loss in membership, stating that with the great growth of the Metropolitan area great numbers of people were moving to new suburban areas which were in the adjoining Grand Jurisdictions.

As a stimulant to Masonic Education a Speakers' Bureau was created to help, aid and assist Lodges to present interesting programs oftener, to encourage and provide Masonic education programs, and to help activate Masonry in every way. This seems well worthwhile.

Amount expended in direct relief \$919.75.

FLORIDA**126th Annual Communication****Jacksonville, April 10th, 1955****M. W. Thos. E. Taylor, G.M.****268 Lodges — 58,221 Members — Net Gain 2,244**

In the address of the Grand Orator he said "It is our duty to put our Masonic teachings into practice in our daily lives, and to govern our conduct by Masonic standards. It is the moral obligation of Freemasons to use their influence in their communities for the common good."

GEORGIA**169th Annual Communication****Macon, October 25th, 1955****M. W. George P. Whitman, Sr., G.M.****474 Lodges — 95,301 Members — Net Gain 2,401**

In closing his address the Grand Master asks "Are we zealous to undertake to fulfill our mission, with dignity and decorum, in assisting men to become wiser and better and consequently happier. And do we have the ability to fulfill that mission because we ourselves have already worked for and received the wages due, and have therefore become wiser and better and consequently happier, and are thus enabled to communicate the True Word to others."

During the fiscal year the sum of \$15,741.38 was spent to relieve distress involving 46 cases. Of this amount \$5,752.04 was contributed by subordinate Lodges.

IDAHO**89th Annual Communication****Twin Falls, September 20th, 1955****M. W. Larry W. Brainard, G.M.****83 Lodges — 14,076 Members — Net Gain 214**

During the course of his address the Grand Master, underlining what is constantly being stated, said "To fulfill our Masonic responsibilities we must live the fundamentals on which our great Fraternity is founded. To keep our Masonry strong and healthy it must be used in our daily living."

ILLINOIS**116th Annual Communication****Chicago, October 7th, 1955****M. W. Carroll T. Hughes, G.M.****972 Lodges — 250,919 Members — Net Loss 492**

The Grand Orator traced the growth of the United States from the discovery of America to the present time with all the advances that have been made. Then he referred to the flash in the sky that was the explosion of the first atomic bomb and the terrible fear that has gripped the hearts of men since. "However there was another light in the history of mankind and it came more than nineteen centuries ago . . . We are so apt to forget the great light in the lesser. We are so apt to forget that it is the light of nineteen centuries ago in which we must find the answer . . . It is the individual who becomes the only concern and out of

it we come to this one inescapable fact — that you cannot reconstruct the world or a society upon unreconstructed individuals. This takes us to the very heart of Masonry.”

The Amount contributed by Lodges to members, widows and orphans \$45,775.58.

The Amount contributed by Lodges to non-members \$23,294.52.

INDIANA

138th Annual Communication

May 17th and 18th, 1955

M. W. Elmer C. Forks, G.M.

519 present from 544 Lodges — Net gain in membership 2265.

A breakdown of the lodges according to number of members, showed 14 lodges with over 1500 members, the largest of which had 2007 members. One wonders how there could be much fraternal spirit.

In the course of his remarks the Grand Orator stated that the Mentor Plan of Education “provides a practical, workable method for the systematic instruction of a candidate in those fundamentals of Freemasonry, which either are not mentioned or are not fully explained in the Ritual.”

“If all sponsors in all Lodges throughout the world could be held responsible for their candidates instruction there might not be so many members, but there would be a lot more Masons.”

IOWA

111th Annual Communication

Cedar Rapids, June 14th, 1955

M. W. Wilbur F. Earhart, G.M.

549 Lodges 95,110 Members — Net Gain 560

On the day before the Grand Lodge Communication, there was dedicated a very beautiful building housing Grand Lodge Library, Museum and the administration offices of Grand Lodge. From the illustrations in the proceedings they have a truly magnificent building. It is claimed, in Iowa, that they have the finest Masonic Library in the world. M. W. Clifford D. Jory, P.G.M., in his Oration at the dedication gave a history of the library from its beginning, over a hundred years ago, with a five dollar grant from Grand Lodge. In the evening after the dedication a banquet was held, at which 2,125 persons sat down. The address at the banquet was given by M. W. Thomas S. Roy, P.G.M. of Massachusetts.

In his address at the Annual Communication the Grand Master reported Masonry in a healthy condition but “We do have a few Lodges, however, whose officers appear to be going through their stations for the sole purpose of acquiring the distinction of being Past Masters.” He drew attention to the fact that there were 41 Lodges in the jurisdiction that had not been represented at Grand Lodge for the past five years, and 90 that had only been represented once in the same time, and pointed out that the Masters of these lodges were not keeping the promise made at their installation.

The Financial statements show that from Grand Lodge Funds the sum of \$15,788.60 was paid to Beneficiaries, and the Lodges paid \$9,034.00 as their share.

KANSAS**Ninety-ninth Annual Communication****February 9th and 10th, 1955****M. W. Scott E. Kelsey, G.M.**

890 Representatives from 441 Lodges.

In his address the Grand Master emphasised the responsibility of the individual Masons—"Masonry teaches us that with obligations come responsibilities . . . Masonry is no stronger than the collective attitudes of its members. I sincerely believe our members are realizing that Masonry requires more than the wearing of an emblem and the carrying of a dues card."

KENTUCKY**148th Annual Communication****Louisville, October 19th, 1955****M. W. G. Frve Haley, G.M.**

470 Lodges — 95,166 Members — Net Gain 2,538

It was with pride and satisfaction that this Grand Lodge opened and dedicated a new Grand Lodge building, free of all encumbrances on the opening day of their communication.

LOUISIANA**144th Annual Communication****M. W. Clarence Beasley, G.M.**

264 Lodges — 47,751 Members — Net Gain 1,245

The Grand Master reported that Masonry was flourishing in the Jurisdiction and that the work of the Committee on Masonic Education appointed the year before was beginning to bear fruit. "Everywhere I have visited all use and give high praise to the four booklets, with which I am sure, we are all familiar."

The Board of Charities and Benevolence donated to Lodges the sum of \$4,328.85 and to Relief Lodge No. 1 the sum of \$1,000.00. The latter paid out \$1,167.98 for Relief. This Lodge is constituted to do nothing else than to look after the funerals and the relief of sojourning brothers.

A Committee appointed for the purpose brought in a new form of Petition, which was adopted. This form also has attached the report of the Investigating Committee. It is quite lengthy and cannot be quoted here, but it is well worth studying.

The address of the Grand Orator is also well worth reading. His subject was "How free is YOUR Masonry?"

Louisiana uses over 450 pages of the Proceedings to print a complete Roster of Lodges.

MAINE**136th Annual Communication****Portland, May 3rd, 1955****M. W. Paul L. Powers, G.M.**

47,290 Members — Net Gain 336

The sum of \$23,365.72 was granted to 65 Lodges to assist 98 persons or families. The Grand total for charities from the Grand Lodge was \$24,683.22 and from subordinate Lodges \$11,998.04.

The Grand Master recommended that all subordinate Lodges should furnish their histories to Grand Lodge every ten years, and current ones to be in by end of May, 1955. This time limit was extended to December 31st.

The Pollard plan of Education was put into effect. Each Lodge appoints its own instructors, and each D.D.G.M. is responsible for the operation of the plan in his District. Instruction is given in history, symbolism, philosophy and jurisprudence for candidates.

A recommendation by the Grand Master that no man raised as a Master Mason shall sign the by-laws, or receive his diploma until he shall have passed his examination, was not adopted. As their regulation stands a newly raised Master Mason must pass an examination within sixty days from the receipt of the degree, no penalty attached.

MARYLAND**Semi-Annual****May 18th, 1954****M. W. John D. Hospelhorn, G.M.**

Benevolence for 1953 reported as \$1,872.50.

Relief to April 30th, 1954, \$426.00

Suggested revisions of the Digest were brought forward.

148th Annual Communication**Baltimore, November 6th, 1954**

125 Lodges — 45,289 Members — Net Gain 1,318

The Grand Master in his annual report mentioned that "All too often the Investigating Committee merely scratches the surface of the past history of a petitioner, and, as a consequence, there are many admitted through our portals and receive light in Masonry, when they rightfully should have remained in darkness. I cannot too strongly urge . . . the dire need for real Committees in processing applications."

"I think this Grand Lodge should adopt suitable law which provides for a proper penalty upon the brother who does not choose to comply with our Constitution." He was referring to their regulation in respect to a brother 'proving up' after raising.

The final draft of the Digest was presented, to lie over till the next Communication.

The sum of \$390.30 for relief was reported and Benevolence from June 1953 to June 1954 was \$1,590.00.

MICHIGAN**111th Annual Communication****Detroit, May 24th, 1955****M. W. Harold L. Taylor, G.M.**

532 Lodges, 2 U.D. — 171,598 Members — Net Gain 2,480

Amount spent on Benevolence \$11,499.00. The Board of Relief spent for sojourning Masons the sum of \$2,057.28.

Like so many Jurisdictions Michigan found that in connection with their Masonic Home guests were more and more in need of Infirmary care.

MINNESOTA**102nd Annual Communication****St. Paul, March 23rd, 1955****M. W. Leroy E. Matson, G.M.**

292 Lodges — 67,083 Members — Net Gain 895

The Grand Master in his address said among many other things "In considering the present state of the Craft we would, however, be blind to realities if we were to assume that membership growth alone is indicative of fraternal well-being. An apparently flourishing tree may be a hollow shell wholly unable to stand the stress of the next storm." He mentioned, what is noted everywhere, the small proportion of members attending Lodge, and gave two ideas as to the reason for this. First the assumption that a Lodge can succeed by ritual alone, second lack of participation in Lodge activities. He deprecates large Lodges as not giving opportunity for leadership or fellowship.

From the Grand Orator we quote "Through the Masonic Fraternity we . . . must each, and as a group, contribute to the strengthening of a significant, basic philosophy of life. If we are to maintain our civilization we must recognize that smart though we be, or become, we are still but a small part of a Divine scheme of things. We must look to an education which actually comes to grips with reality, a training in tolerance as well as technology, in the decency and the divinity of man, in a study of multitudes as well as molecules."

MISSISSIPPI**137th Annual Communication****Jackson, February 8th, 1955****M. W. Carl L. Oakes, G.M.**

311 Lodges, 2 U.D. — 47,756 Members — Net Gain 1,152

A rousing quote from the Grand Master "Let me exhort you to go Forward. Obedience to that command makes all the difference between success and failure, triumph and defeat, salvation and perdition. All the generations who have gone before send back the cry 'Go Forward' press toward the mark."

The amount paid to beneficiaries of Grand Lodge was \$16,191.00.

MISSOURI**134th Annual Communication****St. Louis, September 27th, 1955****M. W. Orestes Mitchell Jr., G.M.**

593 Lodges — 123,013 Members — Net Gain 1,082

The Grand Master has found one way to keep up attendance at Lodge. "It is significant to note that those Lodges which arrange an occasional social program, or other interesting meetings, have little difficulty in getting out a crowd." He suggested what other Jurisdictions also suggest that until a newly raised Mason proved up he could not have a dues card. An amendment to the constitution was presented enforcing the examination. This would have to lie over, and it will be interesting to see what happens to it.

In an appendix there are many interesting articles on Masonic History in different parts of the world. They are well worth reading, but impossible to summarize in a short space.

Missouri Benevolence amounted to \$4,822.22.

MONTANA**91st Annual Communication****Missoula, August 16th, 1955****M. W. Earl S. Bardwell, G.M.**

139 Lodges — 25,843 Members — Net Gain 411

The Grand Master reported on the general work of the Jurisdiction during the past year. Peace and harmony prevailed and the educational work was being well looked after.

Dr. Dean Ferm, not a Mason, gave an excellent address on Religion and higher education. He is on the staff of the State University and in his department is trying to point out that education in itself is just a tool to be used, but that unless the spiritual side of the student is developed he cannot use this tool to the best advantage. He pointed out that Masonry stands for spiritual values and appealed to Masons to put their influence behind the sort of work he is doing.

NEBRASKA**98th Annual Communication****Omaha, June 7th, 1955****M. W. Charles F. Adams, G.M.**

275 Lodges — 45,295 Members — Net Gain 323

Nebraska is another Jurisdiction which is troubled by Master Masons not proving up. Notice of motion was given to amend their code to "that a newly raised Master Mason should pass a proficiency test."

Their Fraternal section makes interesting reading. Items of general interest from the Proceedings of Grand Lodges throughout the world are picked out and published. The 'Review' is neither statistical nor topical, but well worth reading.

NEW HAMPSHIRE**96th Semi-Annual, November 16th, 1954 166th Annual May 18th, 1955****M. W. Walter E. Dunlop, G.M.****81 Lodges — 16,810 Members — Net Gain 173**

The Semi-Annual Communication dealt mostly with reports of quite successful District Meetings.

The Annual Communication was concerned with the detailed reports of the Grand Master's activities, and the usual financial statements. Some amendments to their By-laws were passed.

It was reported that \$1,140.95 was paid out in relief.

NEW JERSEY**166th Annual Communication Atlantic City, April 20th, 1955****M. W. Alfred Rowe, G.M.****283 Lodges — 103,489 Members — Net Gain 2,003**

In his report the Grand Master said "In this day and age, it is the exception rather than the rule in most of our lodges, when a petitioner for the three degrees is known personally to more than a very few members of the lodge, so that the majority of them must depend upon the Investigating Committees to be sure that 'worthy men and worthy men only' are admitted to membership. No more important duty devolves upon the Worshipful Masters than the appointment of these committees."

"It is my firm conviction that one of our most serious weaknesses is our absolute failure to provide instruction in any form for our new Master Masons." He then recommended an addition to the Constitution setting up a Committee of Instruction.

NEW YORK**174th Annual Communication May 3rd, 1955****M. W. Raymond C. Ellis, G.M.****1058 Lodges — 306,427 Master Masons — Net increase 1846**

In the course of his address the Grand Master stated that "Public Relations is our greatest problem. Everyone of us when we appear in public—either singly or in groups—is in the field of Public relations." "We might do well to bear in mind that no one ever owns anything of a material nature, we are only custodians of the things we seem to possess. What we give away we keep, and what we keep we lose. The wealth of the Masonic Fraternity rests not in the material things which it possesses but in the service it has rendered to ideals."

The Committee on Lodge Education states "It is the sincere feeling of this committee, as well as the Officers of Grand Lodge, that it is absolutely unjust and unfair to initiate, pass and raise a man in Masonry without giving him an education, or educational material, which will help him to understand the principles of our great Fraternity."

For convenience and better working New York has formed a District Grand Lodge for Syria-Lebanon.

The Grand Lodge dispensed \$37,250.49 in direct relief and the subordinate Lodges \$14,436.42.

NORTH DAKOTA**66th Annual Communication****Fargo, June 20th, 1955****M. W. Ernest D. Nelson, G.M.****121 Lodges — 14,578 Members — Net Gain 121**

We quote two passages from the Grand Master's address which are well worth thinking about. "There is an old saying 'The past is prologue—study the past'. This does not mean that we should not adopt new ideas, but that we should use the experience in our plans for the future. Masonry, like everything else, must keep pace and move forward with the customs of today and tomorrow. It is my belief that this can be done without violating the principles as set forth in the constitution, or ignoring any of the edicts and ancient landmarks of Masonry."

"Lots of good people have the false notion that we are a bunch of 'stuffed shirts'. Somehow or other we must get across to them the idea that Masonry is the most democratic organization in the world."

The amount of relief reported was \$3,567.39.

OKLAHOMA**47th Annual Communication****Tulsa, February 8th, 1955****M. W. S. Neal Johnson, G.M.****84,537 Members — Net Gain 1648**

A special Communication was held in Guthrie on August 17th, 1954 to consider the erection of a new building which would form an addition to their Masonic Home. One wing would form a Grand Lodge Temple. Authority was granted to proceed with the project at a cost of \$750,000.00.

At the Annual Communication the Grand Master emphasized what cannot be repeated often enough when he said "It is not enough that in the Lodge room or among Freemasons the bond of brotherhood should hold."

OREGON**105th Annual Communication****Portland, June 15th, 1955****M. W. Roy W. McNeal****180 Lodges — 43,343 Members — Net Gain 777**

We would quote from the Grand Orators address "We have built up through the genius of our scientific intellect, a tremendous mechanical structure, a society that has harnessed forces that are strong enough to destroy it in its entirety. And we have come to recognize that unless there can be developed in man a sense of moral responsibility which is commensurate with the power he has been able to unleash, we are indeed lost. Scientists, politicians, business people, and educators are saying with one voice that man must look to a higher source than himself for his salvation . . . What then shall we say to this day in which the freedom of man is in such awful peril? Masonry would say with unquestionable emphasis that there is a God, the creator and governor of all that exists."

The amounts dispensed for Charity were \$1,534.67 and for Benevolence \$3,543.99.

PENNSYLVANIA**Annual Communication****Philadelphia, December 27th, 1954****Quarterly Communications — March 3rd, June 2nd, Sept. 1st, Dec. 1st****M. W. Ralph M. Lehr, G.M.****584 Lodges — 248,899 Members — Net Increase 4,195**

In the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburg are maintained Employment bureaux which handled many cases and between them located and filled 848 positions. This Jurisdiction has three Charity Funds, and for the year expended \$13,385.00 over and above the huge sums necessary to operate their homes.

The Quarterly Communications attend to the routine business coming up all the time, and the Annual Communication deals with Annual reports, including that of the Grand Master. His report being factual. Over one third of the Proceedings is taken up with statistics.

RHODE ISLAND**Semi-Annual Nov. 15th, 1954****164th Annual Communication****Providence, May 16th, 1955****M. W. Bernard B. Abadon, G.M.****44 Lodges — 18,832 Members — Net Gain 245**

At the Semi-Annual communication the Grand Master referring to lotteries and games of chance in Masonic Temples said, "I hope and trust for all concerned in this Grand Jurisdiction that these practices will cease immediately so that it will not be necessary to issue an edict that subordinate lodges will not be allowed to meet in Temples where these practices are allowed and continued."

He also recommended the adoption of a general regulation for setting up of forums of Masonic Education. This was passed at the Annual Communication. At the Annual Communication the Grand Master gave a detailed report of all his Masonic activities during the year (and they were very many).

During the year the sum of \$21,854.00 was dispersed to forty-three beneficiaries. Approximately forty percent of this sum was contributed by subordinate lodges.

SOUTH CAROLINA**218th Annual Communication****Myrtle Beach, April 28th, 1955****M. W. J. Ansel Eaddy, G.M.****292 Lodges, 2 U.D. — 51,851 Members — Net Gain 2,134**

The Grand Lodge was opened with a Religious Service conducted by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. Dwight McAlister, the sermon was given by Bro. Rev. W. Fred Hedgepath on the subject "The Ramparts Must Be Watched."

In the course of his address the Grand Master said, "If ever there was a time for need of cooperation and brotherhood, it is now. The

practice of these two tenets, together with our belief in God, is needed now as never before . . . Masonry, in cooperation with the churches, can and will fight evil forces and, as has been proven in the past, Truth will prevail."

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution held over from the previous year: "No Master Mason shall be permitted to receive a receipt for dues card, vote, serve on any committee, fill any office, visit any other lodge or demit until he shall have stood an examination in open Lodge on the work of the Master Mason's Degree satisfactory to the presiding Officer."

The Board of Masonic Relief has administered relief to 69 destitute Masons, 135 widows and one orphan. Forty seven Masons and fifty-nine widows received the maximum. Twenty-two Masons and seventy-six widows received the minimum. Unless the subordinate Lodge contributes \$4.00 per month the maximum is given, otherwise only the minimum of \$15.00 per month is given.

SOUTH DAKOTA

81st Annual Communication

Mitchell, June 14th, 1955

M. W. Sidney C. Voorhees, G.M.

169 Lodges — 20,348 Members — Net Gain 288

In his address the Grand Master drew attention to Masonic Education, saying "This is a subject that has no end." He also referred to Masonry and the Church. "There are within our organization members who think that the Lodge is their Church and there are those outside the organization, the less informed, who actually think we do not believe in God . . . Your Church is always before your Lodge, and we as Masons should be better Church members."

The disbursements on Charity amounted to \$19,035.42.

TENNESSEE

141st Annual Communication

Nashville, March 23rd, 1955

M. W. Raymond Lee Allen, G.M.

380 Lodges, 2 U.D. — 80,623 Members — Net Gain 2,993

The Grand Master had a strenuous time with his Masonic duties up till December, when he suffered a heart attack. He was laid up for some time, but was thankful to be able to preside at Grand Lodge.

Benevolence is dealt with by the Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund for which the Accounts Committee allocated \$70,000.00.

UTAH

83rd Annual Communication

Salt Lake City, January 23rd, 1955

M. W. Elliott Willard Evans, G.M.

27 Lodges — 6,467 Members — Net Gain 128

The Grand Orator gave a thought-provoking address on 'Masonry's Future'. After very briefly reviewing the past history of the order he

faces the present and the future. He points out that the growth of service clubs, and the constantly increasing demands on the time of business and professional men have made lodge service more difficult. He quotes M. W. Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, in pointing out that the inactive Mason is the greatest danger the Craft faces. "We should ever remember that 'It is the individual performance which is the life blood of Masonry, not its Temples, nor its wealth, nor the size of its membership. Only by the acts of individual Master Masons will Masonry continue to live'."

VERMONT

162nd Annual Communication

Burlington, June 15th, 1955

M. W. F. Ray Adams, G.M.

103 Lodges — 18,676 Members — Net Loss 14

The Grand Master, without making any recommendations, thought out loud about some matters. First about insurance, especially fire insurance. In case of fire many lodges would be completely crippled when they carry only about enough insurance to cover about one tenth the value of their building. They should be properly covered. Secondly about the falling off of membership. He thinks that Lodges and Grand Lodge should have some objective to keep interest alive. The problem of the aged was also troubling him. Vermont is looking after its aged brethren, but he wonders if they are doing it well. He also spoke again about the matter that was brought up last year— canvassing for members. As is known, all Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada were circularized and he reports that the reaction on the whole, was not favorable. However, he is still thinking about it. If Masons both in Vermont and outside it would do some real thinking along these lines, the whole fraternity would benefit.

The amount dispersed for charity amounted to \$5,687.47.

WEST VIRGINIA

90th Annual Communication

Clarksburg, October 13th, 1954

M. W. William G. Johnson, G.M.

165 Lodges — 45,937 Members — Net Gain 894

In his address, after stating that Masonry was thriving in the Jurisdiction, the Grand Master said "Today men must support and sustain their notions of morality and right thinking. Never before in the history of man has the ability to think clearly and hew squarely to the moral line been more necessary. Never before has a nation, a people, a culture needed more the service of brains, education, high moral tone or the courage of one's convictions. These are the virtues we spell out and our initiates are taught to practice them. Certainly, to permit a candidate to pass lightly over this stage of his Masonic education is to do him an injustice and can only harm our purposes."

Amount dispensed on Charity, \$1,819.00.

WEST VIRGINIA**91st Annual Communication** **Clarksburg, October 10th, 1955****M. W. Thomas B. Hoilman, G.M.**

165 Lodges — 46,494 Members — Net Gain 561

The Grand Master's report was purely factual and showed a steady growth, and on the whole peace and harmony prevailed in the Jurisdiction. The Grand Lecturer's report showed that the Educational work was being well done, especially in the exemplification of the degrees.

The Grand Treasurer showed that the sum of \$2,294.00 had been expended on Benevolence.

WISCONSIN**111th Annual Communication** **Milwaukee, June 14th, 1955****M. W. Carl W. Hofmeister, G.M.**

307 Lodges — 64,979 Members — Net Gain 288

The Grand Master referring to too large lodges said 50 new lodges could be formed in the state.

During this Communication the Grand Master laid the cornerstone of a new headquarters, library and museum building, which would cost \$328,400 when complete and furnished. At this ceremony the Grand Master said "The stone and the steel that will be used in this building will last no longer in time than will that in its neighbors, but we have a special knowledge that the idea that is Masonry — the need that it seeks to fill will remain beyond the life of that which we build in the material."

The constituent Lodges spent \$19,946.81 for direct relief of their members, while the Welfare Office spent \$16,415.77 in financial assistance.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations is well worth reading in its entirety. It is purely topical and under different headings shows what is being done by Freemasonry throughout the world. At the end of the report are brief items of general interest.

WYOMING**81st Annual Communication** **Cheyenne, August 22nd, 1955****M. W. O. H. Gerhard Jacobsen, G.M.**

51 Lodges — 12,494 Members — Net Gain 173

The Grand Master reported a visit to Europe in September. He visited in Scotland, England, Germany, Denmark. He also took part in the Conference of Grand Masters of the European continent at The Hague. As the result of his travels he says, "When speaking to members of our Wyoming Lodges I accentuated the universality of Freemasonry . . . We must realize that our final goal is the same today as it has been throughout the centuries: The Brotherhood of a free Humanity".

PHILIPPINES**Annual Communication** **April 27th, 1954****M. W. Mauro Baradi, G.M.**

823 Representatives from 105 Lodges — Net increase in membership 731

The Grand Lodge has subordinate lodges in Japan, Korea and Guam. The true spirit of Masonry was shown when a Japanese brother appeared before Grand Lodge and appealed for help in extending Masonry in Japan. He frankly admitted what Japan had done during the war and was well received.

A District Grand Lodge of Japan has been organized by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

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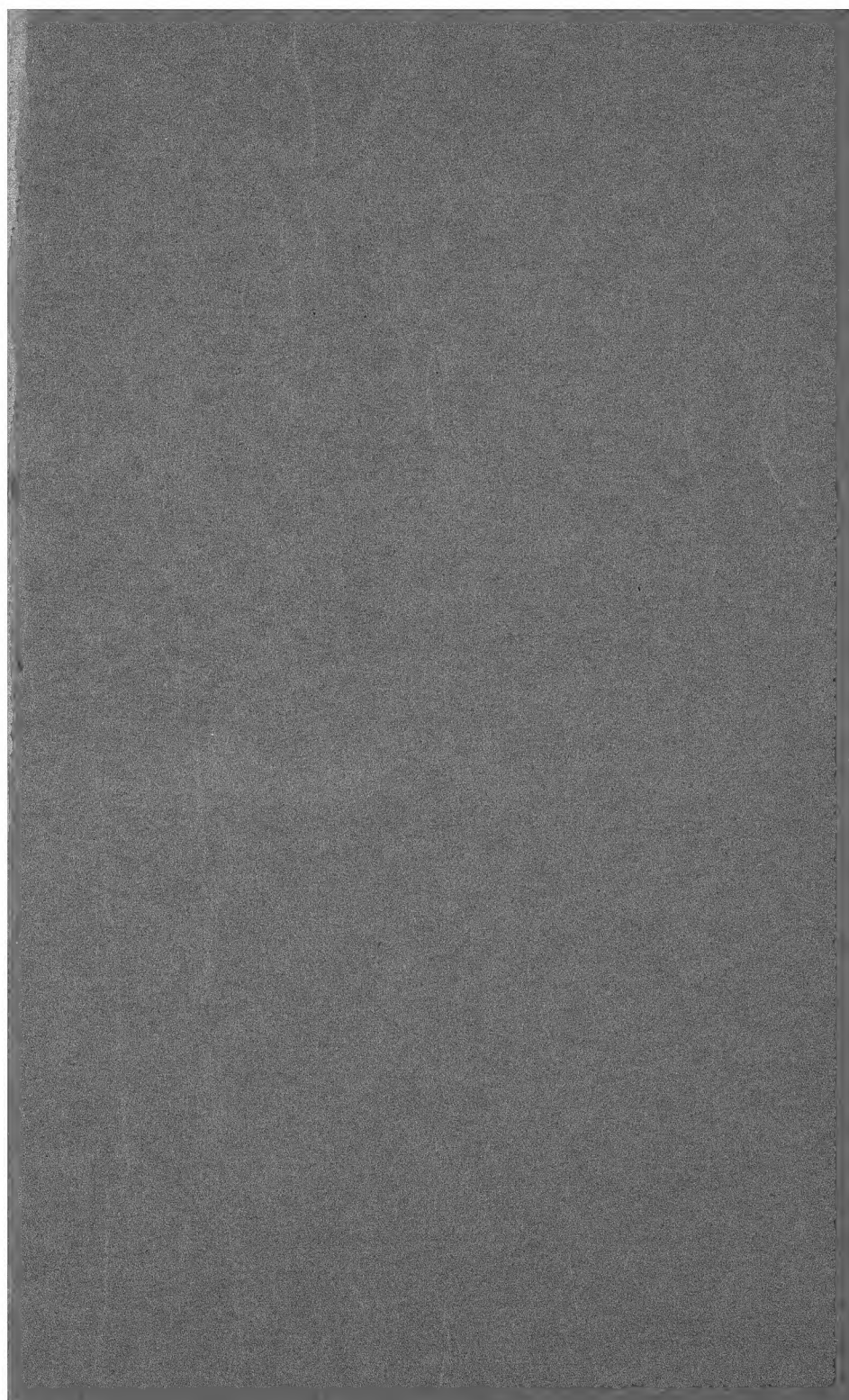
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